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Dedication

In 1998, in a number of ways such as the Civic Profile Meeting in January and the resurgence of the Amherst Land Trust, our community's attention was refocused on land acquisition in order to preserve the rural character of Amherst. We want to take this opportunity to dedicate this Town Report to those individuals and families who have made donations of land to the Town for the protection of open space. Their foresight and concern for the quality of life for future generations is a model for us all to follow.

Richard Verrochi ...

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AMHERST
TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire
March 9, 1999

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wilkins School

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Town of Amherst will be held, in accordance with "Senate Bill 2" (NH RSA 40:13). The first session, to transact all business other than voting, is on Wednesday, February 3, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The second session, voting by official ballot at the polls is on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at the Wilkins School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1.
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2.
To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1997 vote for an elected Planning Board pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (b) (1), and return to an appointed Planning Board pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (a). **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 3.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $768,817 for the purchase and the FY2000 debt service costs of such municipal land, buildings or property interests therein as the Selectmen deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town and to authorize the issuance of not more than $750,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon with the balance to be raised by taxation provided, nevertheless, that the Selectmen shall not conclude any such purchase unless and until they have presented to either an annual or special town meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify, by a majority 2/3rds vote, the particular parcel chosen by the Selectmen for purchase, provided nevertheless that this appropriation shall expire, if not implemented within fiscal year 2000 or take action relative thereto (2/3rds vote required). **(By a vote of 3-2, the Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 4
Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget

posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $5,732,587? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $5,310,668, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article does not include any appropriation articles listed below. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 5.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,860 to fund the deficit in the 1998-99 Milford Area Communications Center budget appropriation or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,000 to fund the deficit in the 1998-99 town legal appropriation or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 7.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 for consulting and planning services related to the refurbishment of the Town Hall or take action thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 8.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the purpose of installing a sprinkler system in the apparatus bay of the Central Fire Station to be funded in the following manner:

Withdrawal From Capital Reserve	$7,600
Raised by Taxation	$7,400

or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 9.
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the purchase, maintenance and refurbishment of fire trucks and to raise and appropriate the sum of $77,000 to be placed in this fund or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 10.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a recreation department vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000 for the first year payment or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 11.
To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Field Development Fund, for the purpose of developing recreational fields and to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000 toward this purpose. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 12.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to support the Keystone Hall Program or take action relative thereto. **(By a vote of 4-1 the Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500 to support the Host Homes Program of Milford or take action relative thereto. **(By a vote of 4-1 the Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 14.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000 for the Town's one-third share of installing a turning lane on Route 101 at Holly Hill Drive or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 15.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year contract with the Amherst Congregational Church to repair the Town-owned steeple and to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 for the first year payment subject to such terms as the Selectmen deem fit and to the extent permitted by law or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 16. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be transferred to and used by the Amherst Land Trust for the purpose of acquiring developable land, development rights or easements, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the scenic and rural character of the town and to minimize the tax impact of residential development. Such sum represents the amount of current use recovery fees collected by the town during the current fiscal year, less the amount transferred to the Amherst Conservation Commission land fund. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a no vote.)**

Article 17. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000 to be added to the Amherst Town Library Property Fund or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a no vote.)**

Article 18. (By Petition)
To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $90,000 for the refurbishment of the Town steeple on the Congregational Church of Amherst or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a no vote.)**

Article 19.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement relative to the provision of communications services for police, fire, ambulance and other emergency functions with the Milford Area Communications Facility or such other facility as the Selectmen deem appropriate, upon such terms, for such duration, and upon such conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion find to be in the best interest of the Town or take action relative thereto. **(By a vote of 4-1 the Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 20.
To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Rescue Squad Capital Reserve Fund to include maintenance and refurbishing of the ambulances or take action relative thereto. (2/3rds vote required). **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 21. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to elect, by ballot, a Town Highway Agent for a term of two (2) years under New Hampshire RSA Chapter 231:62-a to discharge duties under New Hampshire RSA Chapter 231:62, and 231:63, said election for Town Highway Agent first to occur at the annual Town Meeting in the year 2000. **(The Selectmen unanimously recommend a no vote.)**

Article 22. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to remove the short section of pavement at the corner of Sunset Road and Boston Post Road, bring the area up to grade with loam and seed, to replace current walkway with sidewalk and to complete this project during FY2000 or take action relative thereto. A map of this area will be posted at the polls. **(By a vote of 4-1 the Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 23.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article VIII, Section 8-5. Definition: Affordable Housing: from "... whose gross annual income is one hundred and twenty (120%) percent or less of the median income..." to "... whose gross annual income is one hundred (100%) percent or less of the median income...".

Article 24.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article VIII, Section 8-5 Affordable Housing, subsection LOT SIZE, DENSITY, SETBACKS, AND OPEN SPACE, paragraph 1. by adding the following: Lots or

units sizing shall be based on net tract area per subsection IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE PROJECTS.

Article 25.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article VI, Section 6-2 Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Earth Removal Permits, subsection A. by adding a new section: 3. A foundation plot plan shall be required prior to backfill of the foundation. This foundation plan shall be done by a licensed Land Surveyor and shall certify that the foundation meets all setback regulations in the zone in which it is located.

Article 26.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article III, Section 3-11 Scenic Setbacks, subsection B to make the following street name corrections:

B.1 Change "... Old Route 101, Horace Greeley Highway" to "...Amherst Street";
B.5 Delete "Horace Greeley Highway from Milford Town line north to Bedford Town line" and replace with "Amherst Street and Limbo Lane";
B.6 Delete "Route 101 Bypass from Horace Greeley Highway south to Milford Town line (also known as Route 101)" and replace with "Horace Greeley Highway (101) from Milford Town line to Bedford Town line; and
B.9 Amend "Corduroy Road from Merrimack Road north to Corduroy Road" to read "Corduroy Road from Merrimack Road north to Boston Post Road".

Article 27.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Section E Scenic Roads as follows:

4. Change "Lyndeboro Road from NH Route 101 (Amherst Street) to NH Route 13" to "Lyndeboro Road from Amherst Street to NH Route 13";
7. Change "Ponemah Hill Road from Hollis Road to the Milford Town line" to "Ponemah Hill Road from Hollis Road (NH Route 122) to the Milford Town line"; and
8. Change "Old Milford Road westerly from NH Route 101 (Amherst Street) to NH Route 101" to "Old Milford Road".

Article 28.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to change the zoning designation on the lots identified as Map 2 Lots 18 and 18-1 (on Old Nashua Road) from Industrial to Residential/Rural.

Article 29.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Section 8.5 Affordable Housing subsection 5 from "Where there is no existing dwelling, the net tract area (total parcel minus wetlands) shall be at least one (1) acre..." to "Where there is no existing dwelling, the net tract area (total parcel minus wetlands) shall be at least four (4) acres ...".

Article 30.
To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article III, Section 3-16 Wireless Communications Facility to read as follows:

PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES

1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the express purpose of this Article to permit carriers to locate personal wireless service facilities within particular areas of the Town of Amherst consistent with appropriate land use regulations that will ensure compatibility with the visual and environmental features of the Town. Compatibility with the visual features of Amherst is measured based on the change in community scale and character in relation to the height, mass, materials, contrasts, or proportion within the surroundings of a proposed personal wireless service facility. This Article enables the review of the locating and siting of personal wireless service facilities by the Town of Amherst so as to eliminate or mitigate the visual and environmental impacts of personal wireless service facilities. This Article is structured to encourage carriers to locate on existing buildings and structures whenever possible. New ground mounted personal wireless facilities are permitted, but only when the use of existing structures and buildings is found to be infeasible. Co-location is encouraged for all personal wireless service facility applications and the review of a personal wireless facility shall be on the basis of the site being built using all positions on the mount.

2. APPLICABILITY

The terms of this Article and the Site Plan Review Regulations shall apply to personal wireless service facilities proposed to be located on property owned by the Town of Amherst, on privately owned property, and on property that is owned by any other governmental entity that acts in its proprietary capacity to lease such property to a carrier.

3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms shall have the meaning given herein:

3.1 Antenna. The surface from which wireless radio signals are sent and/or received by a personal wireless service facility.

3.2 Antenna Array. A collection of antennas attached to a mount to send and receive radio signals.

3.3 Average Tree Canopy Height. An average height found by inventorying the height at above ground level (AGL) of all trees over twenty (20) feet in height for a defined area, such as the area delineated in Section 7.1 (F).

3.4 Camouflaged. A personal wireless service facility that is disguised, hidden, part of an existing or proposed structure, or placed within an existing or proposed structure.

3.5 Carrier. A Company that provides personal wireless services also sometimes referred to as a provider.

3.6 Co-location. The use of a single mount on the ground by more than one carrier (vertical co-location) or the same carrier with multiple licenses, and/or the use of several mounts on an existing building or structure by more than one carrier or the same carrier with multiple licenses.

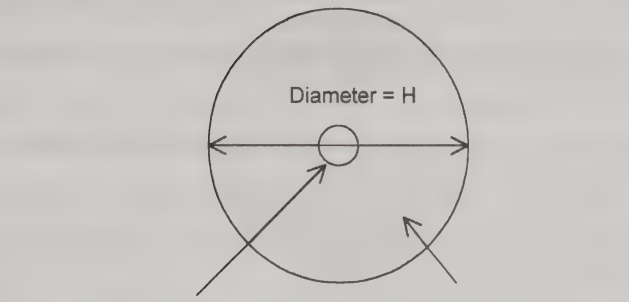
3.7 Environmental Assessment (EA). An EA is a document required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when a personal wireless service facility is placed in certain designated areas.

3.8 Equipment Shelter. An enclosed structure, cabinet, shed, vault., or box near the base of the mount within which are housed equipment for personal wireless service facilities such as batteries and electrical equipment. Equipment shelters are sometimes referred to as base transceiver stations.

3.9 Facility. See Personal Wireless Service Facility.

3.10 Fall Zone. The area on the ground from the base of a ground mounted personal wireless service facility that forms a circle with a diameter equal to the height of the facility, including any antennas or other appurtenances, as set forth in Figure 1. The fall zone is the area within which there is a potential hazard from falling debris (such as ice) or collapsing material.

Figure 1



3.11 Guyed Tower. A monopole or lattice tower that is secured to the ground or other surface by diagonal cables for lateral support.

3.12 Height. The height above ground level (AGL) from the natural grade of a site to the highest point of a structure.

3.13 Lattice Tower. A type of mount with multiple legs and structural crossbracing between the legs that is self supporting and free-standing.

3.14 Mast. A thin pole that resembles a street light standard or a telephone pole. A dual-polarized antenna is typically deployed on a mast.

3.15 Monopole. A thicker type of mount than a mast that is self-supporting with a single shaft of wood, steel or concrete, or other material, that is designed for the placement of antennas and arrays along the shaft.

3.16 Mount. The structure or surface upon which antennas are mounted, including the following four types of mounts:

1. Roof-mounted. Mounted on the roof of a building.
2. Side-mounted. Mounted on the side of a building.
3. Ground-mounted. Mounted on the ground.
4. Structure-mounted. Mounted on a structure other than a building.

3.17 Personal Wireless Service Facility. Facility for the provision of personal wireless services, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended. Personal Wireless Service facilities include a mount, antenna, equipment shelter, and other related equipment.

3.18 Personal Wireless Services. The three types of services regulated by this Ordinance: Commercial mobile radio services, unlicensed wireless services, and common carrier wireless exchange access services as described in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

3.19 Radio Frequency (RF) Engineer. An engineer specializing in electrical or microwave engineering, especially the study of radio frequencies.

3.20 Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR). The emissions from personal wireless service facilities.

3.21 Security Barrier. A wall, fence, or berm that restricts an area from unauthorized entry or trespass.

3.22 Separation. The distance between one carrier's array of antennas and another carrier's array.

4. DISTRICT REGULATIONS

4.1 Location - Personal wireless service facilities shall be permitted in all Zoning Districts. Applicants seeking approval for personal wireless service facilities shall first evaluate existing structures for the siting of personal wireless service facilities. Only after finding that there are no suitable existing structures pursuant to Section 4.3 herein, shall a provider propose a new ground mounted facility.

4.2 Existing Structures: Policy - Personal Wireless service facilities shall be located on existing structures, including but not limited to buildings, water towers, existing telecommunications facilities, utility poles or towers, and related facilities, provided that such installation preserves the character and integrity of those structures.

4.3 Existing Structures: Burden of Proof - The applicant shall have the burden of proving that there are no existing structures which are suitable to locate its personal wireless service facility and/or transmit or receive radio signals. To meet that burden, the applicant shall take all the following actions to the extent applicable:

A. The applicant shall submit to the Planning Board a list of all contacts made with owners of potential sites regarding the availability of potential space for a personal wireless service facility. If the Planning informs the applicant that additional existing structures may be satisfactory, the applicant shall contact the property owner(s) of those structures.

B. The applicant shall provide copies of all letters of inquiry made to owners of existing structures and letters of rejection. If letters of rejection are not provided, at a minimum, unanswered "Return Receipt Requested" forms from the U.S. Post Office shall be provided for each owner of existing structures that was contacted.

C. If the applicant claims that a structure is not capable of physically supporting a personal wireless service facility, this claim must be certified by a licensed professional civil engineer. The certification shall at a minimum, explain the structural issues and demonstrate that the structure cannot be modified to support the personal wireless service facility without unreasonable costs. The estimated cost shall be provided to the Planning Board.

4.4 Ground Mounted Facilities: Policy - If the applicant demonstrates that it is not feasible to locate on an existing structure, ground mounted personal wireless service facilities shall be designed so as to be camouflaged to the greatest extent possible, including but not limited to: use of compatible building materials and colors, screening, landscaping, and placement within trees.

5. USE REGULATIONS

A personal wireless service facility shall require a building permit in all cases and may be permitted as follows:

A. Existing Tower Structures: Subject to the issuance of a building permit that includes review by the Planning Board, which review shall be limited to issues relating to access, bonding, and security for removal, structural integrity and appropriate camouflage of such siting, carriers may locate a personal wireless service facility on any guyed tower, lattice tower, mast, or monopole in existence prior to the adoption of this Article, or on any personal wireless service facility previously approved under the provisions of this Article so long as the co-location complies with the approved site plan. All the Performance Standards from this Article shall be met. This provision shall apply only so long as the height of the mount is not increased, a security barrier already exists, and the area of the security barrier is not increased. Otherwise, site plan review is required.

B. Reconstruction of Existing Tower Structures: An existing guyed tower, lattice tower, monopole, or mast in existence prior to the adoption of this Article may be reconstructed with a maximum twenty (20) foot increase in height so as to maximize co-location so long as the standards of this Article are met and so long as this twenty (20) foot increase in height does not cause a facility previously existing at less than two hundred (200) feet to exceed two hundred (200) feet in height. The mount shall be replaced with a similar mount that does not significantly increase the visual impact on the community. Site plan review is required.

C. Existing Structures: Subject to the provisions of this Article and minor site plan review under RSA 674:43:III and except as otherwise permitted under Section 5 (A), a carrier may locate a personal wireless service

facility on an existing structure, building, utility tower or pole, or water tower. For the purpose of this section, new structures that are conforming to all other district zoning requirements shall be considered as existing structures.

D. Ground Mounted Facility: A personal wireless service facility involving construction of a ground mount shall require site plan review and be subject to the provisions of this Article.

6. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Personal wireless service facilities shall comply with the following requirements:

A. Height, Maximum: In no case shall a personal wireless service facility exceed two hundred (200) feet in height, unless the mount for the facility was greater than two hundred (200) feet in height prior to the adoption of this Article.

B. Height, Existing Structures and Utility Poles: Carriers that locate new personal wireless service facilities on water towers, electric transmission and distribution towers, utility poles and similar existing utility structures, guyed towers, lattice towers, masts, and monopoles may be permitted to increase the height of those structures no more than a twenty (20) feet, or 40 feet at the discretion of the planning board, if the additional height will not materially impair the visual impacts of the site. This increase in height shall only be permitted once for each structure.

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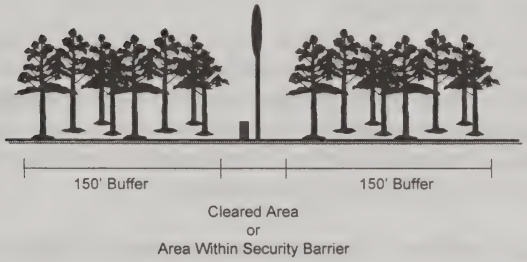
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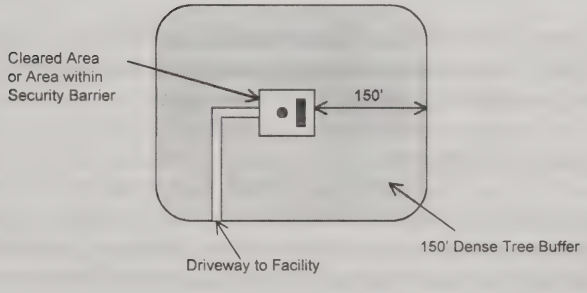
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7.8 Antenna Types - Any antenna array placed upon an existing or proposed ground mount, utility pole, or transmission line mount shall have a diameter of no more than four (4) feet, exclusive of the diameter of the mount. A larger diameter antenna array may be permitted after a finding by the Planning Board that the visual impacts of a larger antenna array are negligible.

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8. MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

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9. ABANDONMENT OR DISCONTINUATION OF USE

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A. Removal of antennas, mount, equipment shelters and security barriers from the subject property.

B. Proper disposal of the waste materials from the site in accordance with local and state solid waste disposal regulations.

C. Restoring the location of the personal wireless service facility to its natural condition, except that any landscaping and grading shall remain in the after-condition.

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Article 31. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to change Article III, Section 3-16 (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst with the attached replacement to read as follows:

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE III, SECTION 3-16
PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES

1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the express purpose of this Article to permit carriers to locate personal wireless service facilities within particular areas of the Town of Amherst consistent with appropriate land use regulations that will ensure compatibility with the visual and environmental features of the Town. Compatibility with the visual features of Amherst is measured based on the change in community scale and character in relation to the height, mass, materials, contrasts, or proportion within the surroundings of a proposed personal wireless service facility. This Article enables the review of the locating and siting of personal wireless service facilities by the Town of Amherst so as to eliminate or mitigate the visual and environmental impacts of personal wireless service facilities. This Article is structured to encourage carriers to locate on existing buildings and structures whenever possible. New ground mounted personal wireless facilities are permitted, but only when the use of existing structures and buildings is found to be infeasible. Co-location is encouraged for all personal wireless service facility applications and the review of a personal wireless facility shall be on the basis of the site being built using all positions on the mount.

2. APPLICABILITY

The terms of this Article and the Site Plan Review Regulations shall apply to personal wireless service facilities proposed to be located on property owned by the Town of Amherst, on privately owned property, and on property that is owned

by any other governmental entity that acts in its proprietary capacity to lease such property to a carrier.

3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms shall have the meaning given herein:

3.1 Antenna. The surface from which wireless radio signals are sent and/or received by a personal wireless service facility.

3.2 Antenna Array. A collection of antennas attached to a mount to send and receive radio signals.

3.3 Average Tree Canopy Height. An average height found by inventorying the height at above ground level (AGL) of all trees over twenty (20) feet in height for a defined area, such as the area delineated in Section 7.1 (F).

3.4 Camouflaged. A personal wireless service facility that is disguised, hidden, part of an existing or proposed structure, or placed within an existing or proposed structure.

3.5 Carrier. A Company that provides personal wireless services also sometimes referred to as a provider.

3.6 Co-location. The use of a single mount on the ground by more than one carrier (vertical co-location) or the same carrier with multiple licenses, and/or the use of several mounts on an existing building or structure by more than one carrier or the same carrier with multiple licenses.

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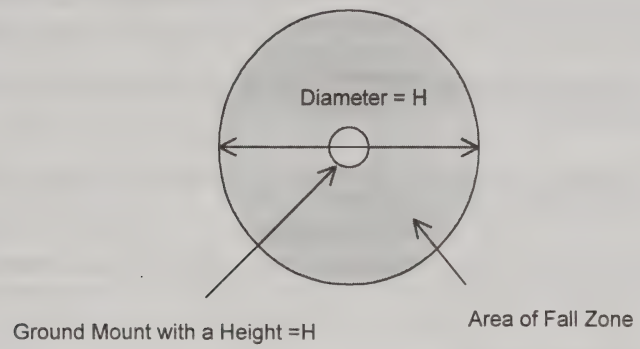
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3.9 Facility. See Personal Wireless Service Facility.

3.10 Fall Zone. The area on the ground from the base of a ground mounted personal wireless service facility that forms a circle with a diameter equal to twice the height of the facility, including any antennas or other

appurtenances, as set forth in Figure 1. The fall zone is the area within which there is a potential hazard from falling debris (such as ice) or collapsing material.

Figure 1



3.11 Guyed Tower. A monopole or lattice tower that is secured to the ground or other surface by diagonal cables for lateral support.

3.12 Height. The height above ground level (AGL) from the natural grade of a site to the highest point of a structure.

3.13 Lattice Tower. A type of mount with multiple legs and structural cross-bracing between the legs that is self-supporting and freestanding.

3.14 Mast. A thin pole that resembles a street light standard or a telephone pole. A dual-polarized antenna is typically deployed on a mast.

3.15 Monopole. A thicker type of mount than a mast that is self-supporting with a single shaft of wood, steel or concrete, or other material, that is designed for the placement of antennas and arrays along the shaft.

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2. Side-mounted. Mounted on the side of a building.
3. Ground-mounted. Mounted on the ground.
4. Structure-mounted. Mounted on a structure other than a building.

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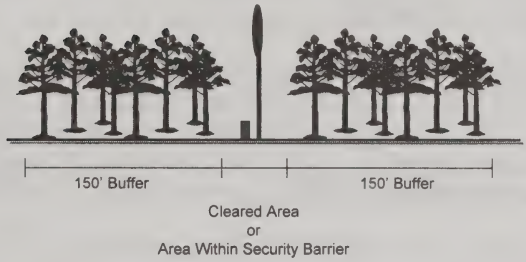
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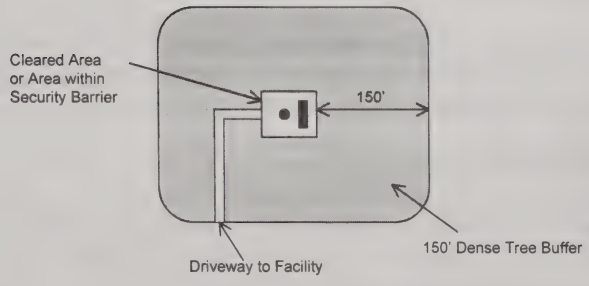
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7.6 Scenic Landscapes and Vistas - Ground-mounted facilities shall not be located within open areas that are clearly visible from public roads, recreational areas, or abutting properties. All ground-mounted personal wireless service facilities shall be surrounded by a buffer of dense tree growth as per Section 7.1 (F).

7.7 Driveways – If available, existing entrances and driveways to serve a personal wireless service facility shall be utilized, unless the applicant can demonstrate that a new entrance and driveway will result in less visual, traffic, and environmental impact. New driveways to serve a personal wireless service facility shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in width. A gravel or crushed stone surface is encouraged.

7.8 Antenna Types - Any antenna array placed upon an existing or proposed ground mount, utility pole, or transmission line mount shall have a diameter of no more than four (4) feet, exclusive of the diameter of the mount. A larger diameter antenna array may be permitted after a finding by the Planning Board that the visual impacts of a larger antenna array are negligible.

7.9 Ground and Roof Mounts - All ground mounts shall be of a mast type mount. Lattice towers, guyed towers, and roof mounted monopoles are expressly prohibited, unless constructed as part of a reconstruction project permitted under Section 5 (B).

7.10 Hazardous Waste - No hazardous waste shall be discharged on the site of any personal wireless service facility. If any hazardous materials are to be used on site, there shall be provisions for full containment of such materials. An enclosed containment area shall be provided with a sealed floor, designed to contain at least one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the volume of the hazardous materials stored or used on the site.

7.11 Noise - Personal wireless service facilities shall not generate noise in excess of that permitted under the Amherst Noise Ordinance.

7.12 Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) Standards - All equipment proposed for a personal wireless service facility shall be fully compliant with the FCC Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio frequency Radiation (FCC Guidelines), under Report and Order, FCC 96-326, published on August 1, 1996, and all subsequent amendments.

8. MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

8.1 Maintenance - The owner of the facility shall maintain the personal wireless service facility in good condition. Such maintenance shall include, but shall not be limited to, painting, structural integrity of the mount and security barrier, and maintenance of the buffer areas and landscaping.

8.2 Monitoring - As part of the issuance of the site plan approval or building permit, the property owner shall agree that the Town of Amherst may enter the subject property to obtain RFR measurements and noise measurements at the expense of the carrier. The Town shall provide reasonable written notice to the carrier and landowner and provides them the opportunity to accompany the Town representatives when the measurements are conducted.

8.3 Security for Removal - Recognizing the hazardous situation presented by abandoned and unmonitored telecommunications facilities, the Planning Board shall set the form and amount of security that represents the cost for removal and disposal of abandoned telecommunications facilities in the event that a facility is abandoned and the facility owner is unwilling or unable to remove the facility in accordance with Section 9.2. The amount of the security shall be based upon the removal cost plus, fifteen percent (15%), provided by the applicant and certified by a professional civil engineer licensed in New Hampshire. The owner of the facility shall provide the Planning Board with a revised removal cost estimate and structural evaluation prepared by a professional civil engineer licensed in New Hampshire every five (5) years from the date of the Planning Board's approval of the site plan. If the cost has increased more than fifteen percent (15%) then the owner of the facility shall provide additional security in the amount of the increase.

9. ABANDONMENT OR DISCONTINUATION OF USE

9.1 Notification - At such time that a carrier plans to abandon or discontinue operation of a personal wireless service facility, such carrier will notify the Town by certified U.S. mail of the proposed date of abandonment or discontinuation of operations. Such notice shall be given no less than thirty (30) days prior to abandonment or discontinuation of operations. In the event that a carrier fails to give such notice, the personal wireless service facility shall be considered abandoned upon such discontinuation of operations.

9.2 Removal - Upon abandonment or discontinuation of use, the owner of the facility shall physically remove the personal wireless service facility within

ninety (90) days from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of use. "Physically remove" shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Removal of antennas, mount, equipment shelters and security barriers from the subject property.

B. Proper disposal of the waste materials from the site in accordance with local and state solid waste disposal regulations.

C. Restoring the location of the personal wireless service facility to its natural condition, except that any landscaping and grading shall remain in the after-condition.

9.3 Failure to Remove - If the owner of the facility does not remove the facility upon the Zoning Administrator's order, then the Town Council shall, after holding a public hearing with notice to the owner and abutters, issue a declaration of abandonment. The owner of the facility shall dismantle and remove the facility within ninety (90) days of receipt of the declaration of abandonment by the Town Council. If the abandoned facility is not removed within ninety (90) days, the Town may execute the security to pay for this action. **(The Planning Board recommends a no vote. The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 32. (By Petition)
Delete from Section 1-1 of the Amherst Zoning Ordinance the following: "Town properties and Town political subdivisions including but not limited to Fire, Police, and Public Works, shall be subject to the Zoning Ordinance.", and replace it with the following: "Town properties and Town political subdivisions, including but not limited to Fire, Police, and Public Works, shall be subject to the Town's Zoning ordinance, Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations and any building code, or health, fire or safety regulation of the Town, except for any use regulation which may be contained therein." **(The Planning Board recommends a yes vote. The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 33. (By Petition)
To amend Section 4-7 and 4-9 of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Amherst to encourage commercial, retail and industrial development in the Industrial and Commercial Zones of the Town by increasing the allowable floor area per lot to 35% and by permitting increased building heights in these zones when the open space within the development is increased to 40% to read as follows:

SECTION 4-7 AND 4-9

Purpose:
To encourage commercial, retail and industrial development in the Industrial and Commercial Zones of the Town of Amherst by increasing the allowable floor area

per lot to 35% and by permitting increased building heights in these zones when the open space within the development is increased to 40%.

Rationale:
The zoning ordinance currently allows industrial structures of up to 80 feet in height in the Industrial Zone if uninhabited and 50 feet if inhabited. This proposed change would allow increased heights for other commercial and retail buildings in the Industrial Zone and in the Commercial Zone. The proposed changes increase the commercial and industrial tax base in these zones and makes the Town more competitive in attracting new businesses. The fire department has indicated that it is now capable of providing emergency services to structures of this height and the recently installed public water lines allow buildings to be designed with sprinkler systems for fire suppression.

The proposed change is intended to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Reduce residential property tax impacts by providing additional opportunities for commercial and industrial development in the Town.
2. Create a competitive advantage for commercial and industrial development in the Town in order to over come the lack of a sewage treatment facility.
3. Increase minimum open space on commercial and industrial lots from 30% to 40% by allowing equal floor area through increased building height and reduced building foot print.
4. Create greater diversity in the nature and type of commercial development in the Commercial and Industrial Zones.
5. Allow retail/commercial development in the Commercial and Industrial Zones that is consistent with other development in the Industrial Zone.
6. Allow structure heights that are consistent with the emergency response capabilities of the town.

Proposed Language:

Section 4-7 C.4 - Commercial Zone

A. No structure shall be constructed to a height of greater than 35 feet, measured from the lowest, adjacent, exterior elevation, except as provided below.

B. Structures may be constructed to a height of 50 feet if inhabited and 65 feet if uninhabited, measured from the lowest, adjacent, exterior elevation and the maximum floor area ratio increased to 35%, provided that:

 1. The structure is set back a minimum of 100 feet from the highway right of way;
 2. Suitable vegetative screening, design features or other measures are employed to mitigate visual impacts;

3. A minimum of 40% of the lot area shall remain landscaped or undisturbed open space and not utilized for construction or parking.

C. Chimneys, cupolas and other architectural accouterments with a cross section of less than 36 square feet and extending less than 6 feet above the roof line, shall not be measured as structure height.

Section 4-9 D.4 - Industrial Zone

A. No structure shall be constructed to a height of greater than 35 feet, measured from the lowest, adjacent, exterior elevation, except as provided below.

B. Structures may be constructed to a height of 50 feet if inhabited and 80 feet if uninhabited, measured from the lowest, adjacent, exterior elevation and the maximum floor area ratio increased to 35%, provided that:

1. The structure is set back a minimum of 100 feet from the highway right of way;
2. Suitable vegetative screening, design features or other measures are employed to mitigate visual impacts;
3. A minimum of 40% of the lot area shall remain landscaped or undisturbed open space and not utilized for construction or parking.

C. Chimneys, cupolas and other architectural accouterments with a cross section of less than 36 square feet and extending less than 6 feet above the roof line, shall not be measured as structure height.

Section 9-1 Definitions

Structure Height. The height of any structure when measured from the lowest, adjacent, exterior elevation to the highest point of the structure. Chimneys, cupolas and other architectural accouterments with a cross section of less than 36 square feet and extending less than 6 feet above the roof line, shall not be measured as structure height.

Uninhabited Structure. Within the context of this ordinance, any part of a structure greater than 50 feet and less than 80 in height in which there is no floor space or story intended or permitted for occupancy shall be defined as uninhabited. Such space may be used for, but not necessarily limited to storage, warehousing, utilities, natural light transmission or other interior open space.
(The Planning Board recommends a yes vote.)

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of January 1999.

RICHARD VERROCHI
MARILYN PETERMAN
STEVEN DESMARAIS
WILLIAM OVERHOLT
RICHARD SHERWOOD

A true copy of warrant - ATTEST

RICHARD VERROCHI
MARILYN PETERMAN
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WILLIAM OVERHOLT
RICHARD SHERWOOD

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1997-98	Added	Total Available	Expended	Approved 1998-99	Proposed 1999-2000	Default Budget
General Government:							
Town Officers Salaries	92367		92367	93724	96828	100484	96828
Town Office Expense	220184		220184	214245	233641	249237	235996
Town Buildings	125544		125544	131477	124470	132550	124470
Elections	1800		1800	7628	15550	17050	15550
Legal	45000		45000	95575	60000	88000	60000
Insurance	496462		496462	440030	565833	624542	565833
Maps & Survey	990		990	924	1000	1000	1000
Assessing	96126		96126	90802	100531	96567	100531
Police Retirement	26442		26442	24410	30183	34817	33717
Social Security	114096		114096	118082	120884	129334	126371
Employee Retirement	35564		35564	34825	40589	43434	41683
Tree Care	725		725	433	725	700	725
Conservation	2575		2575	2580	2700	2700	2700
Contingency	25000		25000	22365	30000	50000	30000
Total	1282875	0	1282875	1277100	1422934	1570415	1435404
Public Safety:							
Police	784312		784312	774475	861297	902027	888356
Fire	146384		146384	150646	159955	175498	159955
Police Special Duty	25000	25543	50543	45543	30000	40000	30000
Animal Control	11776		11776	7704	10322	10652	10322
Emergency Management	3168		3168	2133	3170	4170	3170
Ambulance	50999		50999	49055	65350	134595	65350
Hydrant Rental	110800		110800	101463	110800	110800	110800
Lease Pay./Ladder Truck	100000		100000	100000	100000	23058	23058
Total	1232439	25543	1257982	1231019	1340894	1400800	1291011

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1997-98	Added	Total Available	Expended	Approved 1998-99	Proposed 1999-2000	Default Budget
Health & Welfare:							
Health Officer	1500		1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Souhegan Nursing	9000		9000	9000	9000	9000	9000
St. Joseph's Elderly	1170		1170	1170	1560	910	1560
Souhegan Valley Res.	2000		2000	2000	1000	2000	1000
Nashua Mental Health	2660		2660	0	3243	4251	3243
Milford Counseling	3000		3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Nashua Mediation	600		600	0	600	650	600
Nashua Rape & Assault	1200		1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Neighborhood Health	850		850	0	1500	2500	1500
Red Cross					500	750	500
Big Brother/Big Sister					1197	1804	1197
Town Welfare	15000		15000	13693	7500	12000	7500
Total	36980	0	36980	31563	31800	39565	31800
Dept. of Public Works:							
General Expense	141182		141182	173151	154922	177910	154922
Street Lights	25877		25877	24682	25875	25129	25875
Oiling	71017		71017	70181	78225	78677	78677
Summer Maintenance	97971		97971	94851	114155	97881	91881
Winter Maintenance	278874	13673	292547	329630	291121	313913	302760
Road Improvements	37800		37800	24519	95800	95800	95800
Parks	20997		20997	19420	18294	20533	18633
Highway Subsidy	200750	5310	206060	191170	221334	221335	222351
Landfill	135427		135427	131986	120209	139884	137008
Total	1009895	18983	1028878	1059590	1119935	1171062	1127907
Recreation & Culture:							
Recreation	165946		165946	181289	188633	265771	188633
Baboosic	31645		31645	33465	35495	41959	35495
Memorial Day	700		700	639	700	700	700
July 4th	3000		3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Total	201291	0	201291	218393	227828	311430	227828

	Budget 1997-98	Added	Total Available	Expended	Approved 1998-99	Proposed 1999-2000	Default Budget
Debt Service:							
Payment on Debt-Land	27000		27000	29413	26540	27967	27967
Payment on Debt-Bldg.	35000		35000	35000	35000	35000	35000
Interest on Debt-Land	9700		9700	4411	3732	2307	2307
Interest on Debt-Bldg.	18703		18703	18703	16734	14766	14766
Total	90403	0	90403	87527	82006	80040	80040
Planning & Zoning:							
Regional Planning	13143		13143	12615	13217	12614	13217
Planning	3670		3670	3403	3170	2950	3170
Board of Adjustment	1900		1900	3330	1700	3200	1700
Zoning	103849		103849	105498	112685	114207	106981
Total	122562	0	122562	124846	130772	132971	125068
Capital Reserves:							
Rescue Vehicle	20000		20000	20000	20000	20000	20000
Highway Equipment	16125		16125	16125	27125	37000	27125
Highway Vehicle	20000		20000	20000	22000	25000	22000
Salt Barn	25000		25000	25000	0	0	0
Total	81125	0	81125	81125	69125	82000	69125
Library:							
Wages	249813		249813	248519	276034	289701	276034
Operating Expenses	82536		82536	82528	94331	102483	94331
Debt Service:							
Payment on Debt	45000		45000	45000	45000	45000	45000
Interest on Debt	32389		32389	32389	28901	25392	25392
Total	409738	0	409738	408436	444266	462576	440757
Transfers Out:							
Communications Center	91683		91683	91683	98561	132280	132280
Souhegan Landfill	294967	27358	322325	322325	349683	349448	349448
Total	386650	27358	414008	414008	448244	481728	481728
Sub-Total	4853958	71884	4925842	4933607	5317804	5732587	5310668

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1997-98	Added	Total Available	Expended	Approved 1998-99	Proposed 1999-2000	Warrant Article Not Recommended
Warrant Articles:							
Total Prior Year	392712		392712	384174			
1998-99 Warrant Articles					229500		
1999-2000 Warrant Articles:							
Land Purchase Bond						768817	
Deficit Appropriation-MACC Base						16860	
Deficit Appropriation-Legal						45000	
Town Hall Renovation Consultant						30000	
Fire Department Sprinkler System						15000	
Fire Truck Capital Reserve						77000	
Recreation Vehicle Lease (1 of 3)						8000	
Field Development Trust Fund						40000	
Holly Hill/Rt.101 Turn Lane						11000	
Steeple Repair Contract (1 of 3)						30000	
Keystone Hall						500	
Host Homes Program						3500	
Land Trust (By Petition)							50000
Library Trust Fund (By Petition)							40000
Steeple Repair (By Petition)							90000
Grand Total	**5246670**	**71884**	**5318554**	**5317781**	**5547304**	**6778264**	**180000**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1997-98	Granted By DRA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1998-99	Granted By DRA	Proposed 1999-00
Local Taxes								
Interest on Taxes	240000	230000	205411			200000	180000	200000
Yield Taxes	20000	20000	3377			15000	12150	5000
Land Use Change	75000	160000	94100			50000	50000	50000
Intergovernmental								
Shared Revenue	132008	160694	160694			160694	210695	210695
Highway Subsidy	200750	210522	206060			221335	221335	221335
Payment in Lieu	5000	5000	5000			5000	5000	5000
Miscellaneous Revenue	1700	1724	3061			1700	1234	1200
Town Clerk Revenue								
Motor Vehicle Licenses	1350000	1450000	1463119			1450000	1450000	1525000
Dog Licenses	7000	7000	10463			8000	8000	10000
State Fees	25000	25000	25178			31000	31000	25000
Other Income	8000	8000	17441			9000	9000	15000
Income From Departments								
Zoning & Planning	135000	125000	106448			135000	135000	120000
Police	40000	40000	75989			40000	50000	40000
Recreation	82120	82120	85826			98125	98000	132947
Baboosic	21775	21775	19903			23975	20000	26830
Adult Education	13100	13100	8744			12800	11000	13100
Rent of Property (Cable)	40000	40000	48327			48000	48000	48000
Welfare Recovery	17000	17000	26107			10000	15000	10000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1996-97	Granted By DRA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1997-98	Granted By DRA	Proposed 1999-00
Income From Departments								
Town Office	3000	5000	4810			5000	5000	5000
Highway Income	15000	10000	8449			10000	9500	9000
Sale of Property/Surplus	1500	60000	15839			10000	16000	10000
Insurance Premium Ret.	135000	145000	78659			135000	100000	75000
Interest on Deposits	250000	240000	204195			235000	200000	205000
Ambulance	63000	13000	8931			10000	8900	105000
Fire Department	7500	7500	5065			6000	5200	5000
Transfer Capital Res.	109991	109991	109991			106000	106000	7600
Miscellaneous Income/Gift	4000	4000	5056			4000	4000	3000
Proceeds From Notes	0	0	0			0	0	750000
Transfer From Con.Land Acct	75000	85000	85000			0	0	0
Demolition Inc.	65000	58000	29739			58000	45000	35000
Release of Merrimack Rd.	42300	0	0			0	0	0
Refund from S.R.L.D.		50000	48574			0	0	0
Grant - COPSMORE						30302	30302	30000
Bean Grant			30000			0	0	
Total	**3184744**	**3404426**	**3199556**	**0**	**0**	**3128931**	**3085316**	**3898707**

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - MS1

	ACRES	
LAND:		
Current Use	7480.20	1,201,700.00
Residential	12102.11	224,671,600.00
Commerical/Industrial	862.83	29,305,800.00
Non-Taxable ($9,487,800.00)		
BUILDINGS:		
Residential		430,794,600.00
Manufactured		1,559,300.00
Commercial/Industrial		44,845,700.00
Non-Taxable ($18,294,900.00)		
UTILITIES:		
Electric		9,550,400.00
Gas		1,078,400.00
Water		1,823,500.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS:		744, 831,000.00
EXEMPTIONS OFF ASSESSED VALUE:		
Elderly (64)		3,302,700.00
Blind (8)		240,000.00
Totally & Permanently Disabled (3)		383,500.00
Solar/Windpower (5)		25,500.00
NET VALUATION AFTER EXEMPTIONS:		740,879,300.00
EXEMPTIONS OFF GROSS TAX:		
Veterans (589)		68,000.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Acres		
Farm Land	3207.07	No. of Owners Granted CU	218
Forest Land	2670.97	No. of Parcels in CU	357
Unproductive Land	503.87		
Wet Land	1098.29		
Rec. 20% Recreation Adj.	183.55		
Removed From CU	97.24		

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art. No.	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Revenue
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		238,990	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		15,550	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		91,479	
4152	Revaluation of Property		100,531	
4153	Legal Expense		60,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		191,656	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		130,772	
4194	General Government Buildings		124,470	
4195	Cemeteries			
4196	Insurance		565,833	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Other General Government		31,725	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		861,297	
4215-4219	Ambulance		65,350	
4220-4229	Fire		159,955	
4240-4249	Building Insp./*Police Special Duty*		30,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		3,170	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)		198,561	
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301	Administration			
4302	Highways and Streets			
4309	Other			
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		154,922	
4312	Highways and Streets		818,929	
4313	Street Lighting		25,875	
4316	Other			
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		120,209	
4323	Solid Waste Collection			
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		349,683	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-Up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other			

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art. No.	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Revenue
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration - *Hydrant Rental*		110,800	
4332	Water Services			
4335-4339	Water Treat., Conservation & Other			
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351	Administration			
4352	Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		11,822	
4414	Pest Control		22,800	
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals & Other			
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		7,500	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other			
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		224,128	
4550-4559	Library		370,365	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation			
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		2,700	
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	**REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**			
4651-4659	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**			
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes		106,540	
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes		49,367	
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes			
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art. No.	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Revenue
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land & Improvements		100,000	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		129,500	
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings		0	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer -			
	Water -			
	Electric -			
	Airport -			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		69,125	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)			
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds *Deficit Appropriation*		27,358	
	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS		**5,574,662**	

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved For Use by DRA
	TAXES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		50,000	
3180	Resident Taxes		0	
3185	Timber Tax		5,000	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		5,000	
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		180,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,450,000	
3230	Building Permits		103,000	
3290	Other Licenses,Permits & Fees		53,000	
3311-3319	**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**		30,302	
	FROM STATE		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3351	Shared Revenues		160,694	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution			
3353	Highway Block Grant		210,858	
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Inc. Railroad Tax)		1,134	
3379	**FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**			
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3401-3406	Income from Departments		483,911	
3409	Other Charges			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		15,839	
3502	Interest on Investments		170,000	
3503-3509	Other			

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved For Use by DRA
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)		0	
	Water - (Offset)		0	
	Electric - (Offset)		0	
	Airport - (Offset)		0	
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		106,000	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds			
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. From Long Term Bonds & Notes			
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		3,024,738	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Unreserved Fund Balance			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
Voted From "Surplus"				
Fund Balance - Retained			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes			0	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			3,024,738	
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		**$**	**150,000**	

Prepared by: Dana G. Crowell, Town Administrator Revised 10/29/98

TOWN OF AMHERST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - MS-5		
General Fund July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual	**Acct. No.**	**Amount**
1. Revenue from taxes		
Property taxes	3110	19,868,179
Land use change taxes	3120	94,100
Timber taxes	3185	3,377
Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	6,927
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	205,411
Total		20,177,994
2. Revenue from licenses, permits and fees		
Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	1,463,119
Building permits	3230	95,852
Other licenses, permits and fees	3290	22,186
Total		1,581,157
3. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		
Shared revenue block grant	3351	340,796
Highway block grant	3353	206,060
State and federal forest land reimbursement	3356	1,134
Other state grants and reimbursements: Recreation Grant	3359	3,500
Civil Defense Grant		13,528
Other		48,411
Total		613,429
4. Revenue from charges for services		
Income from departments	3401	294,677
Total		294,677
5. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		
Sale of municipal property	3501	15,839
Interest on investments	3502	204,071
Rents of property	3503	53,383
Fines and forfeits	3504	912
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	78,659
Contributions and donations	3508	30,018
Total		382,882
6. Interfund operating transfers in		
Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	138,937
Transfers from trust and agency funds	3916	84,000
Total		222,937
7. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		23,273,076
8. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		-316,090
9. TOTAL OF LINES 7 AND 8		22,956,986

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Acct. No.	Total Expenditure
1. General government		
Executive	4130	221,953
Election, registration and vital statistics	4140	7,628
Financial administration	4150	86,016
Revaluation of property	4152	91,801
Legal expense	4153	95,575
Planning and zoning	4191	124,571
General government building	4194	132,977
Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	440,029
Other general government	4199	202,402
Total		1,402,952
2. Public safety		
Police	4210	813,485
Ambulance	4215	49,057
Fire	4220	250,646
Emergency Management	4290	2,133
Communication Center	4299	95,123
Total		1,210,444
3. Highways and streets		
Administration	4311	172,667
Highway and streets	4312	711,131
Street lighting	4316	24,682
Total		908,480
4. Sanitation		
Solid waste collection	4323	131,986
Solid waste disposal	4324	322,324
Total		454,310
5. Water distribution and treatment		
Other water	4339	101,463
Total		101,463
6. Health		
Administration	4411	16,370
Health agencies and hospital	4415	1,500
Other health	4419	7,704
Total		25,574
7. Welfare		
Direct assistance	4442	13,060
Total		13,060
8. Culture and recreation		
Parks and recreation	4520	234,175
Patriotic purposes	4583	2,839
Total		237,014

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		
	Acct. No.	Total Expenditure
9. Conservation		
Administration	4611	961
Total		961
10. Debt service		
Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	109,413
Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	55,502
Total		164,915
11. Capital outlay		
Land and improvements	4901	116,489
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	4902	163,761
Buildings	4903	24,004
Improvements other than buildings	4909	163,826
Total		468,080
12. Interfund operating transfers out		
Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	81,125
Transfers to trust and agency funds	4916	387,322
Total		468,447
13. Payments to other governments		
Taxes assessed for county	4931	1,444,499
Taxes assessed for school districts	4933	16,561,443
Total		18,005,942
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		23,461,642
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		-504,656
TOTAL		22,956,986

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - MS-5			
A. ASSETS	**Acct. No.**	**Beginning of Yr.**	**End of Year**
1. Current assets			
Cash and equivalents	1010	2,612,915	2,681,825
Investments	1030	3,913,245	4,515,080
Taxes receivable	1080	1,942,391	2,236,482
Tax liens receivable	1110	368,647	458,881
Accounts receivable	1150	26,408	16,406
Due from other governments	1260	1,047	144
Due from other funds	1310	80,854	75,654
Other current assets	1400	357,099	285,525
Total Assets		9,302,606	10,269,997
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	176,719	30,467
Due to other funds	2080	14,615	13,077
Deferred revenue	2220	9,355,882	10,734,266
Other payables	2270	71,480	-3,157
Total Liabilities		9,618,696	10,774,653
2. Fund equity			
Reserve for encumbrances	2440	332,357	140,605
Unreserved fund balance	2530	-648,447	-645,261
Total Fund Equity		-316,090	-504,656
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		9,302,606	10,269,997
A. FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCTS.		Debit	Credit
1. Land and improvements	1610	5,003,192	
2. Buildings	1620	1,887,782	
3. Machinery, vehicles and equipment	1640	2,870,496	
Total		9,761,470	
B. LONG TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS			
Amount to be provided for the retirement of long-term debt	1820	869,957	0
Notes and bonds payable - long term	2310	0	869,957
Total		869,957	869,957

MS-5 Continued								
AMORTIZATION OF LONG TERM DEBT	**Purpose**	**Annual Installment**	**Interest Rate**	**Date of Final Payment**	**Bonds o/s at Beginning of yr.**	**Bonds issued this year**	**Bonds retired this year**	**Bonds o/s at end of year**
900,000	Library	45,000	8.0-8.125	Feb. 2006	405,000	0	45,000	360,000
350,000	Building Add.	35,000	5.625	Aug. 2006	350,000	0	35,000	315,000
235,000	Land Purchase	Variable	5.25	Jun. 2001	114,957	0	31,696	83,261
TOTAL					869,957	0	111,696	758,261
ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATIONS Debt as of June 30, 1998 For the ensuing five years			**Year**	**Principal**	**Interest**	**Total**		
			1999	106,215	49,694	155,909		
			2000	107,671	42,759	150,430		
			2001	109,374	35,532	144,906		
			2002	80,000	29,064	109,064		
			2003	80,000	23,473	103,473		
SUBTOAL				483,260	180,522	663,782		
Remaining periods of debt: 2004-2007				275,000	37,688	312,688		
TOTAL				758,260	218,210	976,470		

RECONCILATIONS - MS-5			Amount	
A. Reconcilation of School District Liability				
1. School district liability at beginning of year			0	
2. Add: School district assessment for current year			16,561,443	
3. Total Liability within current year			16,561,443	
4. Subtract: Payments made to school district			-16,561,443	
5. School district liability at end of year			0	
		Current Yr.	**Prior Years**	**Total**
B. Allowance for Abatements				
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements		304,502		304,502
2. Subtract: Abatements made		-42,431	-4,806	-47,237
3. Subtract: Discounts		0	0	0
4. Subtract: Refunds (cash abatements)		-63,913		-63,913
5. Est. Allowance for Abatements at End of Year		-148,859		-148,859
6. Excess of estimate		49,299	-4,806	44,493
		1080 Taxes	**1110 Liens**	**Totals**
C. Taxes/Liens Receivable				
1. Uncollected, end of year		2,236,482	607,740	2,844,222
2. Subtract: "Overlay"			-148,859	-148,859
3. Receivable, end of year		2,236,482	458,881	2,695,363
				Special
SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS				**Revenue**
A. Revenue and other financing sources				
1. Interest on investments				10,202
2. Other miscellaneous sources				56,381
Total Revenue and Other Sources				66,583
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS				
A. Expenditures (By Functions)				
1. Public safety				27
2. Culture and recreation				400,945
3. Conservation				130,571
Total Expenditures				531,543
	Acct. No.			
SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS				
A. Assets - Current				
1. Cash and equivalents	1010			101,815
2. Investments	1030			87,147
Total Assets				188,962
Fund Equity/Capital				
1. Reserve for special purposes	2490			188,962
Total Fund Equity				188,962

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION				
A. All Funds (Additional)	**Acct. No.**			**Total**
Revenue				
Parks and recreation	3409			129,717
Expenditure				
Money paid directly to needy persons	4442			
not covered by Federal programs				13,693
	Bonds o/s Beginning of F/Y	**Bonds Issued F/Y**	**Bonds Retired F/Y**	**O/S at the end of this F/Y**
B. Debt Outstanding, Issued & Retired				
All other debt	869,957	0	111,696	758,261
C. Salaries and Wages				**Total**
Total salaries and wages paid to all employees				2,023,506
D. Cash and Investments Held at End of FY				
All other funds except employee retirement funds				7,385,865

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1997-98 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1998-99 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1999-00 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139 Executive		226,826	221,953	238,990	252,831	
4140-4149 Election, Reg.& Vital Stats.		1,800	7,628	15,550	17,050	
4150-4151 Financial Administration		85,725	86,016	91,479	96,890	
4152 Revaluaton of Property		96,126	90,802	100,531	96,567	
4153 Legal Expense		45,000	95,575	60,000	88,000	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration		176,102	177,317	191,656	207,585	
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning		122,562	124,846	130,772	132,971	
4194 General Government Buildings		125,544	131,477	124,470	132,550	
4195 Cemeteries						
4196 Insurance		496,462	440,030	565,833	624,542	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.						
4199 Other General Government		26,715	23,722	31,725	51,700	
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214 Police		784,312	774,475	861,297	902,027	
4215-4219 Ambulance		50,999	49,055	65,350	134,595	
4220-4229 Fire		146,384	150,646	159,955	175,498	
4240-4249 Build.Insp./Police Spec. Duty		25,000	45,543	30,000	40,000	
4290-4298 Emergency Management		3,168	2,133	3,170	4,170	
4299 Other Public Safety (Including Communications)		191,683	191,683	198,561	155,338	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets		847,591	902,922	973,851	1,006,049	
4313 Bridges						
4316-4319 Street Lighting & Other		25,877	24,682	25,875	25,129	
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321-4323 Administration & Solid Waste Collection		135,427	131,986	120,209	139,884	
4324-4325 Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		294,967	322,325	349,683	349,448	
4326-4329 Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other						
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331-4332 Administration & Water Services/Hydrant Rental		110,800	101,463	110,800	110,800	
4335-4339 Water Treatment, Conservation & Other						

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1997-98 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1998-99 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1999-00 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352 Administration & Generation						
4353 Purchase Costs						
4354 Electric Equipment Maintenance						
4355-4359 Other Electric Costs						
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411-4414 Admin. & Pest Control		13,276	9,204	11,822	12,152	
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		20,480	16,370	22,800	26,065	
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442 Administration & Direct Assistance		15,000	13,693	7,500	12,000	
4444 Intergov.Welfare Payments						
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other						
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation		197,591	214,754	224,128	307,730	
4550-4559 Library		332,349	331,047	370,365	392,184	
4583 Patriotic Purposes		3,700	3,639	3,700	3,700	
4589 Other Culture & Recreation						
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612 Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		2,575	2,580	2,700	2,700	
4619 Other Conservation						
4631-2 REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING						
4651-9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711 Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		107,000	109,413	106,540	107,967	
4712 Int-Long Term Bonds & Notes		60,792	55,503	49,367	42,465	
4723 Interest on TANs						
4790-4799 Other Debt Service						
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901 Land & Improvements		116,750	116,489	100,000	808,817	
4902 Machinery,Vehicles & Equipment		135,237	134,920	0	85,000	
4903 Buildings				129,500	75,000	
4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings		140,725	132,765	0	15,000	

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1997-98 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1998-99 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1999-00 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912 To Special Revenue Fund		120,000	42,771	0	0	
4913 To Capital Projects Fund						
4914 To Enterprise Fund						
Sewer -						
Water -						
Electric -						
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund		81,125	81,125	69,125	82,000	
4916 To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)						
4917 To Health Maintenance Trust Fund						
4918 To Nonexpendible Trust Funds						
4919 To Agency Funds/Deficit Approp.		56,616	56,616	27,358	61,860	
SUBTOTAL 1		5,422,286	5,417,168	5,574,662	6,778,264	

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1997-98 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1998-99 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1999-00 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		380,711	374,073	122,000		
MACC Base Deficit	5				16,860	
Legal Budget Deficit	6				45,000	
Town Hall Renovation Consultant	7				30,000	
Sprinkler System	8				15,000	
Recreation Vehicle Lease	10				8,000	
Keystone Hall	12				500	
Host Homes Program	13				3,500	
Steeple Repair	15				30,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	148,860	XXXXXXXXX

Special warrant articles as definied in RSA 32:3

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1997-98 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1998-99 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1999-00 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		12,001	10,101	107,500		
Land Purchase Bond	3				768,817	
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	9				77,000	
Blueberry Hill/Rt. 101 Turn Lane	14				11,000	
Field Development	11				40,000	
Amherst Land Trust	16					50,000
Library Land Trust Fund	17					40,000
Steeple Repair	18					90,000
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	896,817	

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	1997-98 Actual Revenue Prior Year	1998-99 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120 Land Use Change Taxes		160,000	94,100	50,000	50,000
3180 Resident Taxes					
3185 Yield Taxes		20,000	3,377	12,150	5,000
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
3189 Other Taxes					
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		230,000	205,411	180,000	200,000
Inventory Penalties					
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210 Business Licenses & Permits					
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,450,000	1,463,119	1,450,000	1,525,000
3230 Building Permits		125,000	106,448	135,000	120,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		40,000	53,082	48,000	50,000
3311-3319 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				30,302	30,000
FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351 Shared Revenues		57,471	57,471	61,262	61,262
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		103,223	103,223	149,433	149,433
3353 Highway Block Grant		210,522	206,060	221,335	221,335
3354 Water Pollution Grant					
3355 Housing & Community Development					
3336 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		24	24	25	20
3357 Flood Control Reimbursement					
3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax)		1,700	3,037	1,209	1,180
3379 FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS					
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406 Income from Departments		506,495	484,179	419,600	507,877
3409 Other Charges					
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501 Sale of Municipal Property		60,000	15,839	16,000	10,000
3502 Interest on Investments		240,000	204,195	200,000	205,000
3503-3509 Other					
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912 Special Revenue Funds		85,000	85,000	0	0

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	1997-98 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	1997-98 Actual Revenue Prior Year	1998-99 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913 Capital Projects Fund					
3914 Enterprise Fund					
Sewer - (Offset)					
Water - (Offset)					
Electric - (Offset)					
3915 Capital Reserve Fund		109,991	109,991	106,000	7,600
3916 Trust & Agency Funds					
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				0	750,000
Amounts Voted from "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
TOTAL REVENUES		3,404,426	3,199,556	3,085,316	3,898,707

BUDGET SUMMARY	
Subtotal 1 Recommended (From Page 3)	5,732,587
Subtotal 2 "Individual" warrant articles (From Page 3)	148,860
Subtotal 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (From Page 3)	896,817
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,778,264
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (From Above)	3,898,707
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	2,879,557

LINE ITEM OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM MORE THAN ONE WARRANT ARTICLE			
	Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount
Land Acquisition Bond	4901	3	768,817
Field Development Trust	4901	11	40,000
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	4902	9	77,000
Recreation Vehicle Lease	4902	10	8,000
Town Hall Renovation Consultant	4903	7	30,000
Fire Department Sprinkler System	4903	8	15,000
Steeple Repair Contract	4903	15	30,000
Turn Lane - Holly Hill	4909	14	11,000
Grant Agencies	4909	12 & 13	4,000

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
1998 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Portion

				Tax Rates
Appropriations	5,574,662.00			
Less: Revenues	(3,085,316.00)			
Less: Shared Revenues	(16,315.00)			
Add: Overlay	146,003.00			
War Service Credits	68,000.00			
Net Town Appropriation		2,687,034.00		
Approved Town Tax Effort			2,687,034.00	
Municipal Tax Rate				**3.63**

School Portion

Due to Local School	10,078,249.00			
Due to Regional School	6,949,292.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	(166,418.00)			
Net School Appropriation		16,861,123.00		
Approved School Tax Effort			16,861,123.00	
School Tax Rate				**22.76**

County Portion

Due to County	1,435,349.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	(9,213.00)			
Net County Appropriation		1,426,136.00		
Approved County Tax Effort			1,426,136.00	
County Tax Rate				**1.92**
Combined Tax Rate				**28.31**
Total Property Taxes Assessed			20,974,293.00	
Less: War Service Credits			(68,100.00)	
Add: Village District Commitment			0.00	
Total Property Tax Commitment			**20,906,293.00**	

Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
740,879,300	28.31	20,974,293

COMPARISON INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR TAX COMPUTATION

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Net Land	217,695,600	221,269,400	226,312,100	255,179,100
Buildings	377,278,400	391,068,000	412,373,900	475,640,300
Utilities:				
Water	1,579,900	1,579,900	1,776,300	1,823,500
Gas	941,300	941,300	941,300	1,078,400
Electric	9,463,300	9,463,300	9,463,300	9,550,400
Telephone	2,587,400	2,587,400	-0-	-0-
Mobile Homes	1,695,600	1,677,300	1,435,200	1,559,300
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	**611,241,500**	**628,586,600**	**652,302,100**	**744,831,000**
Totally & Permanently Disabled	343,300	343,400	343,400	383,500
Elderly Exemptions	1,229,500	1,312,000	1,057,400	3,302,700
Blind	180,000	210,000	210,000	240,000
Solar	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500
Total Valuation After Exemptions	**609,463,100**	**626,695,700**	**650,665,800**	**740,879,300**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Property	Address	Assessment
Town Hall & Cemetery	2 Main Street	298,900
Library & Land	14 Main Street	718,600
Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.	22 Dodge Road	128,100
Police/Rescue/Fire Land		91,800
Police/Rescue Bldg.	175 Amherst Street	189,900
Central Fire Station	177 Amherst Street	469,100
South Fire Station	62 Stearns Road	103,000
Baboosic Lake Beach & Bldg.	25 Broadway	187,200
Baboosic Lake Land	20 Broadway	46,400
Baboosic Dump	92 Broadway	41,000
Jones Lot	37 Old Nashua Road	54,000
Meadowview Cemetery	Foundry Street	127,900
Tool House		5,100
Howard Cemetery Addition	End of Sunset Road	78,700
Chestnut Hill Cemetery	107 Chestnut Hill	62,900
Cricket Corner Cemetery	Boston Post & Corduroy Rds.	3,100
Potters Field	Ponemah Road	24,000
Souhegan Regional Landfill	260 Route 101	264,500
Thibodeau Land	468 Boston Post Road	400
Kurtick Land	Merrimack Road	100
Cemetery Field	69 Merrimack Road	11,600 c.u.
Winslow Pit	Old Nashua Road	4,500
Bragdon Farm	Route 101	18,900 c.u.
Bragdon Farm	Route 101	5,600 c.u.
Bragdon Farm	Bedford	6,311 c.u.
Peabody Mill Center	66 Brook Road	110,500
Peabody Mill Center	65 Brook Road	11,900
20 Greenwood Drive		1,400
22 Greenwood Drive		1,900
38 Colonel Wilkins Road		1,300

Town Parks	Address	Assessment
Village Tennis Courts & Land	5 Davis Lane	91,600
Village Fire Station Land	105 Boston Post Road	55,600
Sullivan Land	10 Oak Hill Drive	1,200
Courthouse Common	Courthouse Rd. & Middle St.	1,900
Pierce Common	Pierce Lane	2,100
Spalding Common	Amherst & Main Streets	86,600
Huntington Common	155 Amherst & Courthouse	3,000
Spalding Field	10 Davis Lane	90,400

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Parks	Address	Assessment
School Street Park	Main & Middle Streets	79,300
Mack Hill Common	Mack Hill & Jones Roads	500
Carriage Road Common	Carriage Road & Main St.	5,700
Main Street Common	Main Street	90,000
Boston Post Village Common	Boston Post Rd. & Middle St.	2,800
Civil War Common	School & Middle Streets	19,600
Gault Land	34 West Street	6,000
Bowling Alley Land	16 Milford Road	100
Triangle at Broadway	36 Broadway	3,300

Tax Deeded Property	Acreage	Assessment
19 Broadway	0.14	6,600
1 Corduroy Road	1.00	40,400
35 Broadway	0.04	3,800
31 Greenwood Road	2.00	2,800
Route 101	0.70	100
4 Brookwood Drive	0.56	10,800
49 Baboosic Lake Road	2.88	47,900
32 West Street	0.19	14,700
Grater Road	13.51	202,300
Route 101 (Rear)	1.18	800
118 Christian Hill Road	6.00	60,400
27 Ravine Road	0.90	4,200
25 Ravine Road	0.90	4,200
69 Broadway	0.66	35,500
Route 101E	4.20	26,500
11 Old Nashua Road	5.50	198,000
24 Old Mont Vernon Road	17.91	5,700
6 Brimstone Hill	1.00	54,500
6 Nathaniel Drive	1.70	47,800
51 Baboosic Lake Road	2.00	39,700
2 Clark Avenue	0.94	45,100
Northfield Road	0.55	700
Northfield Road	0.23	300
33 Christian Hill Road	1.20	6,200
3 Norton Street	0.11	70,100
Boston Post Road	1.30	35,200

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Tax Deeded Land Managed by Conservation	**Acreage**	**Assessment**
Boston Post & Corduroy Rds.	2.50	1,600
Chestnut Hill Road (Rear)	16.00	10,400
Lyndeborough Road (Rear)	5.40	1,800
1 & 3 Stearns Road	6.00	6,700
2 Fairway Drive	14.00	79,200
63 Old Manchester Road	17.50	75,200
17 Windsor Drive	0.77	40,100
19 Windsor Drive	0.70	39,900
21 Windsor Drive	0.80	40,200
Fairway Drive (Rear)	3.50	400
Lyndeborough Road	0.80	100

Conservation Land	**Acreage**	**Assessment**
Joe English Reservation Brook Road	373.00	476,800
Great Meadow 61 Boston Post Road	61.00	332,200
Ross Bird Sanctuary 35 Thornton Ferry I & Cobbler Ln.	21.00	1,900
Beaver Brook Park 7 Manchester Road	2.00	63,300
Caeser's Brook Reservation 15 Mont Vernon Road	40.00	88,100
Simeon Wilson-Near the River	10.00	131,600
B & M Railroad	18.00	1,800
Thornton Ferry II Road Rear	10.00	300
Thornton Ferry II Road Rear	2.50	1,200
46 Christian Hill Road	2.30	55,900
Baboosic Lake Road Rear	8.80	52,800
13 Middle Street	0.50	70,400
73 Broadway	2.30	40,800
7 Manhattan Park	2.00	79,000
55 Lyndeborough Road	10.00	8,000
Austin Road Rear	32.00	41,600
Nathaniel Drive Rear	60.00	78,000
Fairway Drive Rear	8.00	400
Lyndeborough Road Rear	68.00	136,700
52 Lyndeborough Road	8.00	62,400
23 Holly Hill Drive	1.69	51,900

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Conservation Land	Acreage	Assessment
12 Holly Hill Drive	1.50	51,500
21 Greenbriar Lane	1.50	60,600
75 Boston Post Road	1.40	68,300
14 Austin Road	128.00	1400 c.u.
22 Old Mont Vernon Road	6.10	69,100
15 Old Coach Lane	0.80	48,300
3 Eaton Road	54.72	17,500 c.u.
2 & 4 Eaton Road	4.00	1,300 c.u.
36 Lyndeborough Road	2.24	52,300
Brook Road Rear	89.90	28,700 c.u.
62 Brook Road	30.10	9,600 c.u.
Pond Parish Road Rear	173.28	193,000
10 Green Road	17.38	4,900 c.u.
Horace Greeley Road	60.00	6,700 c.u.
5 Thornton Ferry II, 402 Boston Post	39.00	78,600
226 Route 101	70.00	8,600 c.u.

School Property	Address	Assessment
Brick School	1 School Street	292,000
Middle School	14 Cross Road	2,662,400
Souhegan High School	412 Boston Post Road	7,830,000
Clark School	14 Foundry Street	665,000
Wilkins School	80 Boston Post Road	2,481,000
Simeon Wilson Road Fields	Simeon Wilson Road	78,700

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 1997-JUNE 30, 1998

	1998	1997	1996
Uncollected Taxes			
Property Taxes		1,942,391.08	
Land Use Change			12.35
Yield Taxes		2,221.88	
Taxes Committed			
Property Taxes	10,250,501.06	10,984,034.08	
Land Use Change	20,840.00	73,260.00	
Yield Taxes	3,258.70	118.78	
CM for '98 PB2	1,133.14		
Overpayment			
Property Taxes		73,194.31	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		76,402.00	0.71
TOTAL DEBTS	10,275,732.90	13,151,622.13	13.06
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	8,014,019.47	12,957,188.86	
Land Use Change	12,320.00	73,260.00	12.35
Yield Taxes	1,307.90	2,340.66	
Interest		76,402.00	0.71
Abatements Made			
Property Taxes		40,265.81	
Current Levy Deeded		2,164.80	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	2,237,614.73		
Land Use Change	8,520.00		
Yield Taxes	1,950.80		
TOTAL CREDITS	10,275,732.90	13,151,622.13	13.06

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1997	1996	1995 & Prior
Unredeemed Liens		333,036.27	233,471.22
Liens Executed	409,553.88		
Interests & Costs	1,306.24	21,920.27	78,277.76
Refunds		2,828.54	940.92
TOTAL DEBTS	410,860.12	357,785.08	312,689.90
Remittance			
Redemptions	57,997.87	166,286.14	153,470.68
Interests & Costs	1,306.24	21,920.27	78,277.76
Abatements	264.93	36.55	36.46
Liens Deeded		2,265.27	2,203.50
Unredeemed Liens	351,291.08	167,276.85	78,701.50
TOTAL CREDITS	410,860.12	357,785.08	312,689.90

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

Automobile Registrations	1,435,491.00
Titles	4,240.00
Municipal Agent Fees	25,305.00
Dog Licenses	13,447.50
Vital Statistics	2,699.00
Dog Fines	806.00
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	5,173.18
Miscellaneous Income	324.31
Parking Tickets	1,390.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	1,488,875.99

SUMMARY OF THE TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 1997 TO JUNE 30, 1998

General Fund		
Opening Balance		2,437,669.96
Receipts:		
Selectmen	1,643,045.02	
Tax Collector	21,094,108.07	
Town Clerk	1,508,483.67	
		24,245,636.76
Charge Back		-68,321.45
Redeposit		52,793.76
Transfer In From Repurchase Agreement		21,241,860.01*
Manifests Paid		-21,528,145.31*
Payroll Manifests Paid		-2,057,079.59*
Transfers to Repurchase Agreement		-21,639,499.09*
		-23,998,391.67
Ending Balance June 30, 1998		**2,684,915.05**

*Note: The beginning balance differs from the ending balance of June 30, 1997 by $29,181.24 due to an error in the manifest number. The beginning balance includes the adjustment and is the correct audited beginning balance for July 1, 1997.

Repurchase Agreement	
Beginning Balance July 1, 1997	3,913,244.94
Transfers In From Checking	21,639,499.09
Transfers Out to Checking	-21,241,860.01
Interest Income	204,196.21
Ending Balance June 30, 1998	**4,515,080.23**

Conservation Gift Account	
Opening Balance July 1, 1997	26,054.10
Interest Earned	700.51
Income	75.00
Expended	-500.00
Balance June 30, 1998	26,329.61

Conservation Land Account	
Opening Balance July 1, 1997	120,911.49
Interest Earned	2,040.41
Income	139,955.26
Expended	-215,369.24
Balance June 30, 1998	47,537.92

Recreation/Baboosic Account

Opening Balance July 1, 1997	813.60
Interest	21.85
Income	0.00
Expended	0.00
Balance June 30, 1998	835.45

Rescue/CPR

Opening Balance July 1, 1998	978.32
Interest	29.66
Income	197.50
Expended	-26.66
Balance June 30, 1998	1,178.82

Town Band Account

Opening Balance July 1, 1998	4,194.13
Interest	175.83
Income	5,916.80
Expended	-10,143.34
Balance June 30, 1998	143.42

Friel Family Golf Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1997	2,506.88
Interest	67.13
Balance June 30, 1997	2,574.01

Quinn Brothers Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1997	813.41
Interest	23.45
Income	1.00
Balance June 30, 1998	837.86

DARE of Amherst

Opening Balance July 1, 1998	2,024.57
Deposits	1,663.40
Interest	28.45
Expenses	-2,926.76
Balance June 30, 1998	789.66

Amherst Escrow-Village Green

Opening Balance July 1, 1997	1,330.64
Interest	6.10
Expended - Acct. Closed 9/23/97	-1,336.74
Balance June 30, 1998	0.00

Indian Pond Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1997	8,248.89
Interest	203.70
Balance June 30, 1998	8,452.59
VanLunen Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1997	7,016.98
Interest	125.41
Expended - Acct. Closed 3/25/98	-7,142.39
Balance June 30, 1998	0.00
Colonist Homes Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1997	57,616.84
Interest	1,422.76
Expended - Acct. Closed 7/1/98	-59,039.60
Balance June 30, 1998	0.00
Conifer Lane - Prescott Escrow	
Opening Balance July 1, 1997	5,069.08
Interest	83.17
Expended	-2,148.30
Balance June 30, 1998	3,003.95
Snowbrook Construction, Inc. Escrow	
Opening Balance June 10, 1998	18,268.38
Interest	33.19
Balance June 30, 1998	1,8301.57

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1998
MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Principal Investments:								
25000	US Treas. Notes 8.625% 8/15/97	24937.50	0.00	0.00	25000.00	62.50	0.00	1078.13
100000	US Treas Secur 0.000% 8/15/97	55004.00	0.00	0.00	55004.00	0.00	0.00	44996.00
100000	US Treas. Secur 0.000% 5/15/98	51295.00	0.00	0.00	51295.00	0.00	0.00	48705.00
50000	US Treas. Notes 7.125% 10/15/98	51031.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51031.25	3562.50
50000	US Treas. Secur 0.000% 2/15/00	36395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36395.00	0.00
1200	Ameritech Corp.	16498.50	20117.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	36615.75	1228.50
400	Amoco	10422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10422.00	580.00
600	Automatic Data Processing	14698.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14698.50	297.00
600	Bell Atlantic Corp.	18673.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18673.50	915.00
1000	Bellsouth	13512.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13512.33	1440.00
400	Bristol Myers Squibb	13499.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13499.00	616.00
400	Carolina Power & Light Co.	11348.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11348.00	764.00
624	Chase Manhattan Corp.	16086.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16086.00	804.96
200	Chevron Corp.	3170.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3170.66	476.00
1000	Corning Inc.	0.00	44820.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44820.00	540.00
400	Dominion Resources Inc. VA	17198.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17198.00	1032.00
600	Dupont (E.I.) Denemours & Co.	4214.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4214.32	777.00
400	Emerson Electric	12349.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12349.00	462.00
400	Exxon Corp.	17399.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17399.00	656.00
1000	Frontier Corp.	0.00	23945.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23945.00	662.50
800	General Electric Co.	5954.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5954.05	896.00
200	Hewlett Packard Co.	7399.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7399.50	112.00
525	Ingersoll Rand Co.	14479.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14479.50	315.00
500	Intel	15468.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15468.75	60.00
400	Johnson & Johnson	9674.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9674.50	364.00
800	Lilly Eli & Co.	11566.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11566.82	624.00
1000	McCormick & Co., Inc.	0.00	24500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24500.00	470.00
600	Mellon Bank Corp.	10924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10924.00	810.00
200	Morgan J.P. & Co., Inc.	12024.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12024.00	732.00

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1998
MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - Continued

No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Principal Investments:								
200	Motorola Inc.	11161.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11161.50	96.00
1200	Procter & Gamble Co.	5408.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5408.20	1212.00
600	SBC Communications Inc.	14998.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14998.50	543.00
400	Schering Plough Corp.	5462.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5462.00	316.00
200	Schlumberger Ltd.	5674.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5674.50	150.00
200	US West Inc.	5218.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5218.62	428.00
	Schering Plough Corp. (Rights Redm)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00
	Bristol Myers Class Action Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	0.00	0.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	120018.23	18885.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	138903.72	8135.16
Total Principal Investments of Common Fund		**643164.23**	**132267.74**	**0.00**	**131306.36**	**69.86**	**644195.47**	**124855.75**
Cemetery Lots:								
13000	US Treas. Notes 6.25% 5/31/00	12995.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12995.94	812.50
13000	US Treas. Notes 7.75% 12/31/99	13048.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13048.75	1007.50
	Federated Treasury Obligation	4815.25	2475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7290.25	1052.32
Sub-Totals		**30859.94**	**2475.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**33334.94**	**2872.32**
Bertha Rogers Fund:								
40000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/99	30958.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30958.40	0.00
140000	US Treas. Notes 6.375% 5/15/99	140086.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140086.88	8925.00
14000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/01	8899.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8899.80	0.00
40000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/02	25464.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25464.40	0.00
40000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/04	22104.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22104.80	0.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	42.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.17	1130.98
Sub-Totals		**227556.45**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**227556.45**	**10055.98**

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1998
MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - Continued

No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Souhegan School Building Fund:								
97000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 5/15/99	80705.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80705.94	0.00
	Fleet Money Market Deposit	695.53	30000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30695.53	1335.03
Sub-Totals		**81401.47**	**30000.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**111401.47**	**1335.03**
Total Principal Investments		**982982.09**	**164742.74**	**0.00**	**131306.36**	**69.86**	**1016488.33**	**139119.08**
Common Income Investments:								
50000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 11/15/02	16456.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16456.50	0.00
50000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/03	16090.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16090.50	0.00
35000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 11/15/04	9639.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9639.00	0.00
400	Bell Atlantic	7444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7444.00	610.00
190	New Century Energies	4129.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4129.58	422.67
400	SBC Communicatiaons	9999.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9999.00	362.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	17795.23	97292.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	115088.05	851.04
Sub-Totals		**81553.81**	**97292.82**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**178846.63**	**2245.71**
Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund:								
25000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 5/15/98	12286.75	0.00	0.00	12286.75	0.00	0.00	12202.50
50000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 8/15/00	20111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20111.00	0.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	2552.52	15822.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	18374.75	387.98
Sub-Totals		**34950.27**	**15822.23**	**0.00**	**12286.75**	**0.00**	**38485.75**	**12590.48**
Cemetery Lots:								
	Federated Treasury Obligation	12999.01	2872.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	15871.33	0.00
Sub-Totals		**12999.01**	**2872.32**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**15871.33**	**0.00**
Bertha Rogers:								
	Federated Treasury Obligation	18466.92	8605.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	27072.16	0.00
Sub-Totals		**18466.92**	**8605.24**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**27072.16**	**0.00**

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1998
MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - Continued

No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Souhegan School Building Fund:								
	Federated Treasury Obligation	3570.91	1238.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	4809.28	0.00
Sub-Totals		**3570.91**	**1238.37**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**4809.28**	**0.00**
Total Income Investments		151540.92	125830.98	0.00	12286.75	1630.96	265085.15	14836.19
	Income-Capital Gains							0.00
Total of Funds (Principal and Income)		**1134523.01**	**290573.72**	**0.00**	**143593.11**	**69.86**	**1281573.48**	**153955.27**

Name of Bank: Fleet Bank-NH
Fees Paid: $7026.74
Expenses Paid: $0.00
Were these fees & expenses paid for totally from income? Yes

TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF AMHERST ON JUNE 30, 1998
MS-9 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - PRINCIPAL

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Balance Beg. of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) Sale of Securities	Balance End of Year
	Common Trust Funds:						
1927	Emma L. Clark	Library	Com. Trust	2778.96	0.00	0.30	2779.26
1945	James Day	Library	Com. Trust	33246.28	0.00	3.61	33249.89
1923	Fannie Parsons French	Library	Com. Trust	5540.70	0.00	0.60	5541.30
1902	George W. George	Library	Com. Trust	2776.98	0.00	0.30	2777.28
1928	Edmund M. Parker	Library	Com. Trust	5540.70	0.00	0.60	5541.30
1957	Anna H. Boardman	Library	Com. Trust	9130.80	0.00	0.99	9131.79
1985	J. Carlsmith	Library	Com. Trust	261.67	0.00	0.03	261.70
1985	Honora Spalding	Library	Com. Trust	1011.95	0.00	0.11	1012.06
1985	Laura & James Wanless	Library	Com. Trust	1397.31	0.00	0.15	1397.46
1988	Herbert Boutelle	Library	Com. Trust	1310.26	0.00	0.14	1310.40
1942	David Fisk	Highway	Com. Trust	8311.94	0.00	0.90	8312.84
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	Com. Trust	8311.94	0.00	0.90	8312.84
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	School	Com. Trust	2776.97	0.00	0.30	2777.27
1894	Isaac Spalding	School	Com. Trust	49170.30	0.00	5.34	49175.64
1964	Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship	School	Com. Trust	56173.48	686.38	6.10	56865.96
1976	Edward A. Conti Memorial Scholarship	School	Com. Trust	37925.17	0.00	4.12	37929.29
Var.	Josephine Hare Memorial	School	Com. Trust	1853.54	0.00	0.20	1853.74
1996	Richard W. Merrill Scholarship	School	Com. Trust	100493.71	0.00	10.92	100504.63
1932	George W. Putnam	Cemetery	Com. Trust	5540.70	0.00	0.60	5541.30
1938	Alice M. Wilkins	Cemetery	Com. Trust	11080.20	0.00	1.20	11081.40
Var.	Other	Cemetery	Com. Trust	29843.62	0.00	3.24	29846.86
Var.	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	Com. Trust	268687.04	275.00	29.21	268991.25
			Sub-Total	**643164.22**	**961.38**	**69.86**	**644195.46**
1987	Cemetery Lots	Maintenance	Money Mkt.	30859.94	2475.00	0.00	33334.94
1993	Bertha Rogers Fund		Money Mkt.	227556.45	0.00	0.00	227556.45
1994	Souhegan School Bldg. Fund		Money Mkt.	81401.47	30000.00	0.00	111401.47
			Total	**982982.08**	**33436.38**	**69.86**	**1016488.32**

TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF AMHERST ON JUNE 30, 1998
MS-9 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - INCOME

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Balance Beg. of Year	Income During Year Amount	Expenses During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
	Common Trust Funds:					
1927	Emma L. Clark	315.55	549.18	-23.67	-513.61	327.45
1945	James Day	3775.10	6570.10	-283.24	-6144.60	3917.36
1923	Fannie Parsons French	629.14	1094.95	-47.20	-1024.03	652.86
1902	George W. George	315.33	548.78	-23.66	-513.25	327.20
1928	Edmund M. Parker	629.14	1094.95	-47.20	-1024.03	652.86
1957	Anna H. Boardman	1036.80	1804.42	-77.79	-1687.56	1075.87
1985	J. Carl Smith	29.72	51.71	-2.23	-48.37	30.83
1085	H. Spaulding	114.91	199.98	-8.62	-187.03	119.24
1985	Laura & James Wanless	158.67	276.13	-11.90	-258.26	164.64
1988	Herbert Boutelle	148.79	258.93	-11.16	-242.18	154.38
1942	David E. Fisk	2654.83	1642.60	-70.81	0.00	4226.62
1867	Aaron Lawrence	2654.83	1642.60	-70.81	0.00	4226.62
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	117.41	548.78	-23.66	0.00	642.53
1894	Isaac Spaulding	15705.01	9716.99	-418.90	0.00	25003.10
1964	Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship	3986.00	11100.95	-478.56	-3686.38	10922.01
1976	Edward A. Conti Memorial Scholarship	8288.48	7494.73	-323.10	-5000.00	10460.11
Var.	Josephine Hare Memorial	78.37	366.30	-15.79	0.00	428.88
1996	Richard W. Merrill Scholarship	4248.74	19859.46	-856.14	-4000.00	19252.06
1932	George W. Putnam	7674.95	1094.95	-47.20	0.00	8722.70
1938	Alice M. Wilkins	15185.48	2189.66	-94.40	0.00	17280.74
Var.	Other	40878.37	18488.15	-254.25	-9055.00	50057.27
Var.	Perpetual Care	7878.46	53097.64	-2289.05	0.00	58687.05
	Sub-Total	**116504.08**	**139691.94**	**-5479.34**	**-33384.30**	**217332.38**
1987	Cemetery Lots	9724.41	3274.60	0.00	0.00	12999.01
1993	Bertha Rogers Fund	10270.48	9555.91	-1359.47	0.00	18466.92
1994	Souhegan School Bldg. Fund	3392.28	194.04	-15.41	0.00	3570.91
	Total	**139891.25**	**152716.49**	**-6854.22**	**-33384.30**	**252369.22**

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
FROM JULY 1, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Funds Added	Income YTD	Funds Expended	Ending Balance
Highway Equipment Fund	43,344.81	16,125.00	1,917.35	23,221.50	38,165.66
Highway Vehicle Fund	100,271.24	20,000.00	3,894.99	30,821.00	93,345.23
Grader Fund	110,830.80	0.00	3,614.63	109,991.00	4,454.43
Rescue Squad Fund	58,372.74	20,000.00	2,528.51	0.00	80,901.25
Cemetery Fund	22,204.39	0.00	724.17	0.00	22,928.56
Zoning Vehicle Fund	1,788.57	0.00	58.33	0.00	1,846.90
Recreation Fund	1,350.63	0.00	44.05	0.00	1,394.68
Ambulance Fund	45,164.08	0.00	1,472.98	0.00	46,637.06
Salt Barn Fund	81,038.44	25,000.00	3,423.92	0.00	109,462.36
Totals	464,365.70	81,125.00	17,678.93	164,033.50	399,136.13

REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The major objective for the Board of Selectmen in 1998 was to develop long range plans for Town functions. In particular, the Selectmen charged the Recreation Committee and the Amherst Rescue Squad with the development of plans for the near and medium term. Both Departments have presented plans which, after modification by the Selectmen, have been included in the new year's budget.

The Selectmen have spent much time (and money) on important Town legal issues during 1998. Cell towers, union issues, and recreational land development, created a record high expenditure for legal fees. It is anticipated that next year's expense will be even higher.

The issue of land acquisition remains important to many groups within the Town. The Selectmen brought together citizens from many groups to discuss the need for further land acquisition for conservation, recreation, education, municipal and other needs. The result of these discussions is a broad-based support for systematic land acquisition over the course of many years. Various versions of warrant articles were discussed and reviewed to meet the need. The article on this year's warrant is the result of the concerted effort of many people concerned about the future land needs of the Town.

This year's Town Meeting is a deliberative session and ballot (SB2) voting. Preparation for this new style of citizen participation has included the acquisition of another voting machine to deal with the higher volume of ballots, preparation of a voter's guide to assist citizen understanding of the issue, news releases, and other attempts to communicate directly with the voter. The Board looks forward to this greater citizen involvement to help decide our Town's future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Verrochi

Chairman

REPORT OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Because this report must be submitted before the Ways & Means Committee has seen the final town and school budgets and warrants, we can not give you final recommendations. Please look for our final recommendations for all town and school district financial warrants in the voter's guide, newspaper articles and the Town of Amherst web site (www.town.amherst.nh.us).

We can report to you at this time a brief summary of what we consider to be the significant financial issues the town will be facing in 1999 and beyond, and how the Ways & Means Committee feels about them.

The most significant issue will again be school space needs. There will not be a bond for an addition to Souhegan High School this year as they re-evaluate their enrollment trends. There will be a bond issue for an addition to the existing Middle School, similar to last year with some slight re-design to accommodate a 7-8 grade school within a school. There is truly a need for classrooms as is evidenced by the number of portable classrooms at Wilkins School and the Middle School now, with more required next fall. It is financially prudent to bond additional space rather than rent portable classrooms. Financially, the plan submitted is well thought out and is the most economic alternative method to add space. *Ways & Means strongly supports the bond for the addition at the Middle School.*

The second most significant issue facing us this year is land acquisition. There are lots of reasons for the town to purchase land. Some are driven by specific needs of the community such as school, recreation, and library expansions. There are also needs to preserve the environment and the open space of our town. Ways & Means recommends a consolidated effort that looks at all land needs and recommends a process lead by the Selectmen and a Land Acquisition Committee representing the many interests in town. The Selectmen will present a general land acquisition bond issue giving them the authority to bond land acquisitions if the town approves a specific purchase. This proposal will allow the town to take advantage of opportunities when and if they arise. Financially, bonding generates funds at the time of their need. The bond would be paid off over a long period of time (20-30 years) by the taxpayers who are benefiting from the expenditure of the capital investment. Interest rates are low and payments are likely to be made with inflated dollars, and from an increased tax base. *Ways & Means supports the adoption of this bonding authority for the Selectmen* as the only funding mechanism for land acquisition, with the exception of the land use penalty fees, 50% of which are allocated to the Conservation Commission, which we also support.

The Amherst School District budget is up about 7.5%. This reflects 5% increase in anticipated enrollment and a 3% increase in wages and benefits to teachers

and staff. It includes increases for computer technology upgrades and a new science curriculum. Special education costs are stable and the administration has done a good job in addressing the taxpayer concerns over their level of funding in Amherst. Ways & Means believes special education in Amherst is being managed effectively and prudently. *Overall, the budget appears reasonable and Ways & Means supports it.* However, we are disappointed that the budget is not zero based and does not incorporate significant efforts to increase the efficiency of how we manage the costs of educating our children.

The Ways & Means Committee encourages all citizens to read the voter's guide and attend the deliberative sessions so that your vote is cast based upon an understanding of each issue.

LONG TERM NOTE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BRAGDON FARM PURCHASE - $235,000

Period	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	Date Paid
7/96	5.25	3,447.67	1,014.04	4,461.71	7/27/96
8/96		60,538.29		60,538.29	8/15/96
8/96	5.25	3,828.91	632.80	4,461.71	8/15/96
10/96	5.25	3,259.35	1,202.36	4,461.71	10/4/96
10/96	5.25	3,848.67	613.04	4,461.71	10/30/96
11/96	5.25	3,770.97	690.74	4,461.71	11/29/96
1/97	5.25	3,584.90	876.81	4,461.71	1/7/97
1/97	5.25	3,978.44	483.27	4,461.71	1/29/97
2/97		34,000.00		34,000.00	2/18/97
2/97		1,000.00		1,000.00	2/26/97
2/97	5.25	3,965.50	496.21	4,461.71	2/26/97
3/97	5.25	4,003.80	457.91	4,461.71	3/27/97
4/97	5.25	3,990.08	471.63	4,461.71	4/27/97
5/97	5.25	4,022.51	439.20	4,461.71	5/27/97
6/97	5.25	4,025.80	435.91	4,461.71	6/27/97
7/97	5.25	4,057.24	404.47	4,461.71	7/27/97
Adj.		-17,126.03		-17,126.03	
8/97	5.25	2,667.53	476.23	3,143.76	8/27/97
9/97	5.25	2,058.44	464.33	2,522.77	9/27/97
10/97	5.25	2,082.30	440.47	2,522.77	10/27/97
11/97	5.25	2,076.90	445.87	2,522.77	11/27/97
12/97	5.25	2,100.24	422.53	2,522.77	12/27/97
1/98	5.25	2,095.52	427.25	2,522.77	1/27/98
2/98	5.25	2,104.87	417.90	2,522.77	2/27/98
3/98	5.25	2,153.79	368.98	2,522.77	3/27/98
4/98	5.25	2,123.86	398.91	2,522.77	4/27/98
5/98	5.25	2,145.89	376.88	2,522.77	5/27/98
6/97	5.25	2,142.90	379.87	2,522.77	6/27/98
7/98	5.25	2,164.40	358.37	2,522.77	
8/98	5.25	2,162.10	360.67	2,522.77	
9/98	5.25	2,171.74	351.03	2,522.77	
10/98	5.99	2,144.96	377.81	2,522.77	
11/98	5.99	2,155.67	367.10	2,522.77	
12/98	5.99	2,166.43	356.34	2,522.77	
1/99	5.99	2,177.24	345.53	2,522.77	
2/99	5.99	2,188.11	334.66	2,522.77	
3/99	5.99	2,199.04	323.73	2,522.77	
4/99	5.99	2,210.01	312.76	2,522.77	
5/99	5.99	2,221.04	301.73	2,522.77	
6/99	5.99	2,232.13	290.64	2,522.77	
7/99	5.99	2,243.27	279.50	2,522.77	

LONG TERM NOTE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BRAGDON FARM PURCHASE - $235,000

Period	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	Date Paid
8/99	5.99	2,254.47	268.30	2,522.77	
9/99	5.99	2,265.72	257.05	2,522.77	
10/99	5.99	2,277.03	245.74	2,522.77	
11/99	5.99	2,288.40	234.37	2,522.77	
12/99	5.99	2,299.82	222.95	2,522.77	
1/00	5.99	2,311.30	211.47	2,522.77	
2/00	5.99	2,322.84	199.93	2,522.77	
3/00	5.99	2,334.43	188.34	2,522.77	
4/00	5.99	2,346.09	176.68	2,522.77	
5/00	5.99	2,357.80	164.97	2,522.77	
6/00	5.99	2,369.57	153.20	2,522.77	
7/00	5.99	2,381.40	141.37	2,522.77	
8/00	5.99	2,393.28	129.49	2,522.77	
9/00	5.99	2,405.23	117.54	2,522.77	
10/00	5.99	2,417.24	105.53	2,522.77	
11/00	5.99	2,429.30	93.47	2,522.77	
12/00	5.99	2,441.43	81.34	2,522.77	
1/01	5.99	2,453.61	69.16	2,522.77	
2/01	5.99	2,465.86	56.91	2,522.77	
3/01	5.99	2,478.17	44.60	2,522.77	
4/01	5.99	2,490.54	32.23	2,522.77	
5/01	5.99	2,502.97	19.80	2,522.77	
6/01	5.99	1,463.08	7.30	1,470.38	

TREASURER'S COUPON & NOTE REGISTER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
POLICE/RESCUE FACILITY BOND

Period Ending	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Date Paid
2/15/97			11703.13	11703.13	1/8/97
8/15/97	5.625	35000.00	9843.75	44843.75	8/8/97
2/15/98			8859.38	8859.38	2/8/98
8/15/98	5.625	35000.00	8859.38	43859.38	
2/15/99			7875.00	7875.00	
8/15/99	5.625	35000.00	7875.00	42875.00	
2/15/00			6890.63	6890.63	
8/15/00	5.625	35000.00	6890.63	41890.63	
2/15/01			5906.25	5906.25	
8/15/01	5.625	35000.00	5906.25	40906.25	
2/15/02			4921.88	4921.88	
8/15/02	5.625	35000.00	4921.88	39921.88	
2/15/03			3937.50	3937.50	
8/15/03	5.625	35000.00	3937.50	38937.50	
2/15/04			2953.13	2953.13	
8/15/04	5.625	35000.00	2953.13	37953.13	
2/15/05			1968.75	1968.75	
8/15/05	5.625	35000.00	1968.75	36968.75	
2/15/06			984.38	984.38	
8/15/06	5.625	35000.00	984.38	35984.38	
Total		**350000.00**	**110140.68**	**460140.68**	

TREASURER'S COUPON & NOTE REGISTER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMISTRATION
LIBRARY BOND

Period Ending	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Date Paid
2/15/87	8.000	45000.00	45778.53	90778.53	2/13/87
8/15/87	8.000		34183.12	34183.12	8/13/87
2/15/88	8.000	45000.00	34183.12	79183.12	2/13/88
8/15/88	8.000		32383.12	32383.12	8/13/88
2/15/89	8.000	45000.00	32383.12	77383.12	2/13/89
8/15/89	8.000		30583.12	30583.12	8/13/89
2/15/90	8.000	45000.00	30583.12	75583.12	2/13/90
8/15/90	8.000		28783.12	28783.12	8/13/90
2/15/91	8.000	45000.00	28783.12	73783.12	2/13/91
8/15/91	8.000		26983.12	26983.12	8/13/91
2/15/92	8.000	45000.00	26983.12	71983.12	2/13/92
8/15/92	8.000		25183.12	25183.12	8/13/92
2/15/93	8.000	45000.00	25183.12	70183.12	2/13/93
8/15/93	8.000		23383.12	23383.12	8/13/93
2/15/94	8.000	45000.00	23383.12	68383.12	2/13/94
8/15/94	8.000		21583.12	21583.12	8/13/94
2/15/95	8.000	45000.00	21583.12	66583.12	2/13/95
8/15/95	8.000		19783.12	19783.12	8/13/95
2/15/96	8.000	45000.00	19783.12	64783.12	2/13/96
8/15/96	8.000		17983.12	17983.12	8/13/96
2/15/97	7.950	45000.00	17983.12	62983.12	2/13/97
8/15/97	7.950		16194.37	16194.37	8/13/97
2/15/98	7.750	45000.00	16194.37	61194.37	2/13/98
8/15/98	7.750		14450.62	14450.62	
2/15/99	7.800	45000.00	14450.62	59450.62	
8/15/99	7.800		12695.62	12695.62	
2/15/00	7.900	45000.00	12695.62	57695.62	
8/15/00	7.900		10918.12	10918.12	
2/15/01	8.000	45000.00	10918.12	55918.12	
8/15/01	8.000		9118.12	9118.12	
2/15/02	8.050	45000.00	9118.12	54118.12	
8/15/02	8.050		7306.87	7306.87	
2/15/03	8.100	45000.00	7306.87	52306.87	
8/15/03	8.100		5484.37	5484.37	
2/15/04	8.125	45000.00	5484.37	50484.37	
8/15/04	8.125		3656.25	3656.25	
2/15/05	8.125	45000.00	3656.25	48656.25	
8/15/05	8.125		1828.12	1828.12	
2/15/06	8.125	45000.00	1828.12	46828.12	
Total		**900000.00**	**730745.85**	**1630745.85**	

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	Town Budget Account	Copy Machine Account	Fines Account	Gift Account	Rosalie Norris Account	Technology Account	Total
Balance: June 30, 1997							
Citizens Bank		3,860.62	6,533.46	5,310.91	1,903.38	75.27	17,683.64
Granite Bank CD				33,420.98	30,000.00		63,420.98
CFX Bank CD				16,167.45			16,167.45
Primary Bank CD				7,500.00			7,500.00
Total Balance		**3,860.62**	**6,533.46**	**62,399.34**	**31,903.38**	**75.27**	**104,772.07**
Received:(7/1/97-6/30/98)							
Town Appropriation	332,349.00						332,349.00
Current Gifts				22,760.38			22,760.38
Library Fees			1,355.00				1,355.00
Interest & Dividends		45.48	94.43	4,189.83	1,527.83	0.74	5,858.31
Fines Assessed			13,090.93				13,090.93
Copy Machine Fees		4,405.98					4,405.98
Total Received	**332,349.00**	**4,451.46**	**14,540.36**	**26,950.21**	**1,527.83**	**0.74**	**379,819.60**
Total Funds Available	**332,349.00**	**8,312.08**	**21,073.82**	**89,349.55**	**33,431.21**	**76.01**	**484,591.67**
Expenditures:							
Salaries & Wages	248,518.54						248,518.54
Bookkeeper	1,822.00						1,822.00
Custodian	10,387.66						10,387.66
Technical Consulting	2,482.00						2,482.00
Books	33,225.39		14,507.01	4,799.32	2,427.29		54,959.01
Audio-Visuals	1,773.83		4,154.01	1,006.81			6,934.65
Magazines	3,802.61			45.00			3,847.61
CD ROM/On Line Info	8,540.76		250.00	4,308.92			13,099.68
Telephone	3,205.49						3,205.49
Bldg. & Grounds	1,376.79			237.50			1,614.29
Service	752.50	1,045.00					1,797.50

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	Town Budget Account	Copy Machine Account	Fines Account	Gift Account	Rosalie Norris Account	Technology Account	Total
Expenditures (Cont'd)							
Dues	515.00						515.00
Travel & Meetings	1,058.72						1,058.72
Education	704.00						704.00
Supplies & Postage	3,929.86	989.02		478.44			5,397.32
Bindery	382.70						382.70
Computer	6,771.90			4,570.57			11,342.47
Cooperative Services	300.00						300.00
Programming	296.15			1,233.66			1,529.81
Contingency		17.96	17.96	283.35			319.27
Capital Improvement	1,200.00			7,917.50			9,117.50
Total Expenditures	**331,045.90**	**2,051.98**	**18,928.98**	**24,881.07**	**2,427.29**	**0.00**	**379,335.22**
Balance June 30, 1998							
Citizens Bank		6,260.10	2,144.84	11,152.64	1,003.92	76.01	20,637.51
CFX Bank CD				12,394.86			12,394.86
Granite Bank CD				33,420.98	30,000.00		63,420.98
Primary Bank CD				7,500.00			7,500.00
Total Balance	**0.00**	**6,260.10**	**2,144.84**	**64,468.48**	**31,003.92**	**76.01**	**103,953.35**

Chuck Bacon Conservation Gift Fund

For 12 Months Ended June 30, 1998

Balance:	7/1/96	2,739.45
Receipts:		
(Interest)	6/30/98	61.76
Expenditures:	6/30/98	-66.98
Balance:		**2,734.23**

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
STATISTICS FOR FY 1997-1998

- **CIRCULATION**

Adult Fiction	29,570
Adult Nonfiction	24,814
Young Adult Fiction	4,417
Juvenile Books	51,931
Magazines	7,624
Puzzles & Games	605
Audio Recordings	10,966
Video Recordings	12,238
Pamphlets	156
Software	765
ILL (Items borrowed from other libraries)	805
TOTAL	**143,891**

- **PATRONS REGISTERED** 10,416
- **AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (No. Patrons)** 2,200

- **REFERENCE SERVICES**

Reference Questions Answered By Staff 10,660

- **RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

BOOKS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Volumes Owned 6/30/98	39,901	18,005	57,906
Volumes Owned 7/97-6/98	2,215	709	2,924747
Volumes Discarded 7/97-6/98	746	216	962
Recordings-Audio			1,456
Recordings-Video			1,073
Magazine Subscriptions			163
Newspapers:			
Sunday Papers			5
Weeklies			5
Dailies			7
Film Strips			36
Circulating CD-ROM			32

Online Subscriptions:

DIALOG Corporation Databases
OCLC First Search Databases
Information Access Searchbank
EBSCO Subscription Services Magazine Index, Business Index & Health Index
Internet
Social Issues Resources Researcher and Discoverer

- **RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Continued)**

Cooperative Memberships:
New England Library Network (NELINET)
GMILCS, Inc.
Hillstown Library Cooperative

- **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Preschool Storytime Sessions	148
Toddler Programs	8
Programs for School-Age Children	24
Visits of School Groups to Library	36
Librarian Visits to Schools	35
Summer Reading Program - 229 Children Enrolled Read	3,622 Books
Young Adult Programs	6
47 Participants in YA Summer Reading Program	
Family Programs	6
Adult Programs	5
Library Network Classes	33
Museum Visits	276
Displays and Exhibits	26

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

A new service has been added in the Children's Library that allows children to borrow CD-ROM based educational games and instructional material for use on their home PCs. The Children's Library now has over 30 CD-ROMS and growing thanks to funding from the Amherst Junior Women's Club and the Friends of the Library.

Other programs under the leadership of Erna Johnson in the Children's Library have included:

- The Summer Reading Program with a space theme - "Take Me to Your Reader"
- A Holiday Program with train songs done by Bobby Allwarden
- The Rain Forest Animals Visit from the residents of the Greenville Wild Animal Park
- Visits by guest artists Holly Meade, Jane Persch, and Amy Conley
- Children's book discussion group for third through fifth grade students.

Programs were provided for young adults such as:

- Summer Reading Program – "Coupons & Rad Raffles"
- Pizza party and auction of donated items from local businesses
- Book discussions for adults and young adults
- Author visit by Muriel Dubois to highlight places in "Insider's Guide to New Hampshire" written by Amherst author, Sally Wilkins

Adults participated in the following programs as well:

- The second annual Anna Boardman Concert with Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser
- "Capture the Light of Southern France"
- A New Look at Beer and Wine Making
- Therapeutic Massage
- Estate Planning

The Library continues to offer an introductory class on using the Internet and we have added two new Internet oriented classes. "They want you to do what for homework?" is a class for parents to help them help their children in the electronic age and "Teen Computer Workshops" is class designed for students who need to be more efficient in using Internet search tools for school papers and projects. New classes will be offered to help with specific subject searches or types of work on the Internet.

The Library is very fortunate to have donations of time, money, and materials from individuals, groups, other Town departments, and government agencies. The Library has received significant contributions from the Milford Hospital Association for medical reference books and the Friends of the Library as well as grants from the Federal Library Services and Construction Act and the New Hampshire Statewide Reimbursement Program for resource sharing. Donations of time were received from individual volunteers who helped processing and repairing books, helping with children's programs and assisting at the circulation desk. Friends of the Library have created art and display case exhibits, helped with special projects, and funded spoken word cassettes, a PC scanner and additional CD-ROMS for children. The Amherst Flower Shop has given monthly flower arrangements for the entrance and the Amherst Gardeners continued to provide attractive flower beds, seasonal landscaping and lilac plantings with the children. The Library has continued to receive timely and excellent support from the Amherst Department of Public Works in maintaining and improving the building and grounds. The Library Director and her dedicated staff are to be commended for giving the Town another year of excellent services.

The Trustees deeply miss Marion Sortevik and Kathy Somssich who stepped down from the Board after many years of valued service and we welcome the new trustees Robin Julian and Tom Head.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The equalization rates for the past ten years are as follows:

1989 - 56%	1994 - 100%
1990 - 63%	1995 - 98%
1991 - 67%	1996 - 96%
1992 - 69%	1997 - 93%
1993 - 73%	1998 - Pending

An adjustment of assessments was done for the 1998 assessment year. The State does the assessment ratio for every community and these numbers are not available until the spring of the following year. It is the Town's intent to be as close to 100% as possible.

It looks to be another busy year with building permits being issued. The Town also is anxiously waiting to see how the change in future property taxes will take place and we are sure that you are interested also.

Properties are still increasing in value due to the popularity of the area. Supply and demand will dictate future values of real estate in Amherst. The period from 1997 to 1998 was the largest increase in value since the values peaked in 1989 and dropped through 1993. With the economy picking up and the low interest rates, the demand should be good.

Any new homeowners should drop by the office if they are a veteran, are blind or handicapped, since we have exemptions for those who are qualified. We also have exemptions for the elderly that qualify, although there are certain income and value restrictions associated with that exemption.

POPULATION AS COMPILED BY THE TOWN'S CENSUS

1960 2,051	1970 4,893	1980 9,476	1990 10,441
1961 2,182	1971 5,397	1981 9,395	1991 10,481
1962 2,240	1972 5,978	1982 9,051	1992 10,532
1963 2,350	1973 6,632	1983 9,579	1993 10,600
1964 2,625	1974 7,009	1984 9,746	1994 10,829
1965 2,761	1975 7,055	1985 10,131	1995 11,090
1966 3,064	1976 7,690	1986 10,149	1996 11,200
1967 3,377	1977 8,400	1987 10,171	1997 11,652
1968 3,799	1978 8,877	1988 10,029	1998 11,878
1969 4,397	1979 9,220	1989 10,141	

AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Amherst Police Department has a long standing commitment to community policing. Our mission statement, which begins by declaring that our goal to enrich the quality of life in Amherst will be accomplished "in partnership with the citizens of Amherst", demonstrates that it is more than just a program, it's our philosophy. To enhance this partnership, the Department must be a part of the community, understanding what the community needs while the citizens understand how we operate. The Department has always sought input from the community, relying on personal contact, surveys, and neighborhood meetings to gather feedback. In 1998, the Department expanded our ability to *communicate* by creating a web site on the internet. Through this new media, the Department seeks to furnish more information about the Department, and provide an easy way for people to offer comments/suggestions directly to us. In the short time the web site has been on-line it has been accessed over three thousand times and has been praised both for content and presentation. We invite you to utilize the site as an additional means to communicate with us. You will find us at www.AmherstPolice.Com.

By working together, Amherst continues to be a great place to reside, work, or visit. As Amherst and the surrounding area keep growing, the workload of the police department has increased. The number of crimes and calls for police service reached all time high levels, with the total number of reports increasing by seven percent. Nonetheless several important crime categories declined. Assaults, burglaries, and thefts have all shown decreases over the previous year. The number of motor vehicle crashes dipped for the second year, while the number of people injured declined by twenty percent. The total number of arrests remained constant, with adult arrests increasing while juvenile detentions declined.

The Department is continuing to work on two large technological improvements in an effort to be more efficient and effective. One project, utilizing United States Department of Justice funds for assistance, will tie laptop computers in the cruisers to local and national data bases. This will create a safer environment for the officers, as well as provide them with more information to assist in the performance of their duties. It is hoped this new system will come online in early 1999. The second project involves the shift to a new computer records management system which will be Year 2000 compatible. This project is currently in a data conversion stage and if all goes well, an early 1999 change is anticipated.

The Department is appreciative of the support the Town traditionally affords, and looks forward to working closely with the citizens to maintain the quality of life unique to Amherst. The Department seeks to improve the level of service provided, and invites your comments and suggestions as to how we may better

serve the community. Please call, stop by, write, or e-mail at *amhrstpd@ici.net* us your ideas.

Summary of Police Activity

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Miles of Patrol	219,285	218,925	216,331	228,651
MV Crashes	252	310	282	269
Injuries	70	79	100	83
Fatalities	1	1	3	0
Arrests	688	619	629	628
Adult	580	543	501	540
Juvenile	108	76	128	88
Arson	3	5	5	5
Assaults	58	59	94	75
Burglary	25	43	38	29
Criminal Mischief	129	163	163	197
Criminal Threatening	8	11	13	11
Criminal Trespass	22	36	19	31
Fraud/Forgery	154	239	236	251
Stolen Motor Vehicle	9	10	13	9
Thefts	204	201	217	186
Alarms	652	694	760	821
Assist Motorists	405	404	388	358
Disturbances	133	172	225	242
Dog Complaint	373	391	325	385
Missing Persons	38	51	56	44
M.V. Complaints	272	286	426	437
Open Doors	241	303	274	300
Pistol Permits	111	55	33	102
Untimely Death	5	1	3	4
Summons/Warning	14,653	14,814	13,348	13,129
Total Crimes	769	963	971	978
Total Reports	7,435	7,732	8,081	8,662

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Amherst Fire Department's objective is to protect/preserve individuals and property from and during such fires as may occur in the Town of Amherst and vicinity. This Department's activities, however, are not limited to extinguishing fires. The Amherst Fire Department deals with carbon monoxide, hazardous materials, oil spills, vehicle accidents and suspicious odor situations, just to name a few.

The Amherst Fire Department is managed by three Fire Wards - Chief Rick Crocker, 1st Assistant Chief Thomas P. Grella and 2nd Assistant Chief Steven Bair. The AFD is made up of approximately 50 paid on-call members, which operate nine pieces of apparatus, housed at both Central Station (177 Amherst Street) and South Station (62 Stearns Road).

Central Station houses our Business Office. This is the location for obtaining burn permits, oil and propane installation permits, blasting permits, tank removal permits, etc. All fire prevention planning and inspection coordination also takes place at Central Station. The Business Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. AFD's non-emergency business telephone number is 673-1545. In case of emergency, dial 673-3131 or 911.

In fiscal year 1997-1998, the Amherst Fire Department responded 356 times. Of these 356 responses, 208 were toned calls and 148 were service calls. The breakdown is as follows:

Alarm Activation	97	Misc. - Fire	26	Smoke in Bldg.	6
Assist 1A1	5	Misc. - Non-Fire	26	Structure Fires	6
Brush Fire/Pile	8	Mutual Aid Out	23	Suspicious Odor	15
Chimney Fire	2	Oil Burner	8	Tree on Wires	17
Carbon Monoxide	17	Oil Spill	7	Vehicle Accident	20
Good Intent	8	Permit Burn	9	Vehicle Fire	11
Illegal Burn	20	Propane Related	4	Smoke Check	20
				Water Problem	1

The Amherst Fire Department is responsible for enforcing State Fire Codes and Town Fire Safety Ordinances. These duties are completed through inspection and review activities of several Department members. For the period of January 1 - December 31, 1998, the following inspections and/or review activities occurred:

Propane	117	Foster Home	5
Oil Burner Equip.	57	Place of Assembly	42
Underground Tank Removal	18	Child Care Facilities	6

Other inspection activities included, but were not limited to, chimney and wood stove inspections, site plan reviews, building permit plan reviews, and public and private fire prevention visits.

The Fire Department conducted activities to result in yet another successful Fire Prevention Week (October 5-9, 1998). With efforts by many AFD members, all Amherst schools were visited, fire trucks displayed, literature distributed, and fire safety/prevention presentations were delivered. In addition, the Amherst Fire Department once again conducted similar activities at local day care centers.

A special congratulation goes out to the following individuals, who in 1998 have reached a membership milestone with the Fire Department:

Tyler Stevens	20 Years
Brian Quick	15 Years
Kurt MacLaughlin	10 Years
Bill Rapf	5 Years

The Amherst Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Amherst and surrounding towns for their continued support. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe upcoming year.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The past year was a relatively quiet one. A ***tornado warning***, unusual for this area, was issued in the spring and resulted in a voluntary evacuation of some portions of the Town. Many residents wisely took advantage of shelter at the high school. Residents are reminded that a weather warning is only issued when the severe weather exists and the probability of it affecting a particular area are highly likely. A watch is issued when such conditions are possible; they may or may not affect a particular area.

Power outages continue to be of concern here in Amherst, particularly during the winter season. Residents are urged to prepare for extended power outages. Prior to the occurrence of an outage, steps should be taken to protect your property from cold weather damage, supplies of water, food and batteries should be maintained, and plans for relocation should be in place. Don't forget to include pets and livestock in your planning.

To assist you with preparedness, numerous planning guides and reference materials are available to all residents free of charge. These materials may be obtained at the Central Fire Station on Amherst Street, weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by calling the station at 673-1545.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & ROAD COMMISSIONERS

During 1998, the Public Works Department was kept very busy with responding to 475 service requests from residents and other Town Departments. Other notable accomplishments are:

Hot Bituminous Overlay On:
Pond Parish Road
Hartshorn Mill Road
Church Street
Upham Road

A Portion Of:
Grater Road
Amherst Street
Boston Post Road
Briarwood Lane
Sprague Road
Merrimack Road
New Boston Road

Sidewalk & Sluiceway Refurbishment On:
Main Street
Boston Post Road
Church Street
Manchester Road
Walnut Hill
Brimstone Hill Road
Chestnut Hill Road

Sluiceway Maintenance/Cleaning
Mack Hill Road
Lyndeborough Road
Spring Road
Cricket Hill Drive
Lord Jeffrey Drive
Ponemah Hill Road
Rocky Hill Road

Ditch Line Cleaning & Maintenance:
Baboosic Lake Road
Old Manchester Road
Upper Flanders Road

A Portion Of:
Walnut Hill Road
Chestnut Hill Road
Mack Hill Road
Rocky Hill Road

Drainage Installation:
Boston Post Road
Horace Greeley Road
Broadway
Nathan Lord Road
Hemlock Hill Road
Bragdon Farm Parking Lot
Amherst Transfer Station

The DPW also accomplished street sweeping (all curbed areas picked up by mechanical contract sweepers); vac cleaning of all catch basins and drain manholes town-wide, including school properties (approximately 200 locations); flushed and cleaned culverts in various locations town-wide; parking lot expansions at the Bragdon Farm and Peabody Mill Center. Maintained through grading and york raking, approximately nine miles of gravel road. Installed approximately 1,000 cubic yards of recycled asphalt on a portion of County Road

as a pilot program. The Department also did roadside mowing of all town-maintained streets, mowing of the Town parks and commons, Library and Wilkins School along with brush cutting, sign maintenance and preparation and cleanup for the 4th of July Celebration.

Winter maintenance of approximately 118 miles of Town roads, both paved and unpaved with 54 inches of snow recorded during the winter of 1997-98. The Department had constructed a new salt storage facility. With the assistance of the Hillsborough County House of Corrections, it conducted spring cleanup of public properties and cemeteries prior to the Memorial Day Observance. We also installed new park benches and their pedestals on the large Common.

Regarding solid waste the DPW conducted disposal and recycling in accordance with NHDES, conducted weekly trash and recycling pickup at the Town buildings and grounds; constructed a new demolition loading dock and new demolition holding bunkers. All Town cemeteries were mowed, the perimeter fence at Cricket Corner Cemetery was replaced, 100 tons of stone dust was hauled for lane repairs in Meadowview Cemetery and twenty one burials were done.

Under building maintenance: An air filtration system was put in at the Town Hall; a portion of the Library was recarpeted; new overhead garage doors were put in at the Highway Garage and South Fire Station and crack sealed the parking lot at the Rescue Bay.

In conclusion, during the next Fiscal Year 99/00, it is this Department's goal to maintain the infrastructure in a professional manner with an increased emphasis on cleaning shoulders and ditch lines. Overlay paving and crack sealing is anticipated in the following locations:

Bloody Brook Circle	Rocky Hill Road
Southfield Road	Amherst Street
Wheeler Road	Border Street
Merrimack Road	Craftsman Lane
Ponemah Hill Road	Orchard View Drive

The Department of Public Works wishes to thank the taxpayers for their continued support, the Board of Selectmen and Road Commissioners for their assistance and especially the employees of the Public Works Department, for their efforts.

RESCUE SQUAD

The Rescue Squad provides emergency medical services for Amherst and Mont Vernon and it is through the continual community support that we are able to provide quality up-to-date medical services in the event of sudden illness or injury. Your generous donations help augment the yearly operating budget that is passed.

The Squad was very successful this past year in recruiting 26 new members. Recruiting continues throughout the year in order to maintain coverage, primarily of daytime shifts. An advisory team was created by the Chief to oversee training, recruiting and community projects, personnel and administrative issues. Four members have been sent for paramedic training; a grant was received from the Milford Hospital Association to purchase a new defibrillator; and a six member first response team operates in Mont Vernon giving immediate care until the ambulance arrives. Two committees worked on issues of advanced life support coverage and five year plan. Reports to the Board of Selectmen included recommending paying for paramedic training, a method of paramedic assistance from neighboring towns, a paid paramedic and billing for services to offset the additional expenses for paramedic coverage, training and new equipment.

The Squad continues to participate in activities such as the fifth grade "Home Alone" program, the 4th of July parade, soccer, football and road race coverage, CPR training and preschool familiarization of the ambulance.

The Boy Scouts of America Post 2941 has continued to attract active members between the ages of 16-18 years old and remains involved in community service projects. The Post is supervised by Jean Miller. Teens are encouraged to become involved.

Anyone interested in joining the Rescue Squad is encouraged to contact any of our members, or Town Hall, for information regarding membership. The Squad provides medical training for those interested that have none.

ZONING / PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Zoning Office serves many functions within the community including building inspections, health inspections, daycare and foster care inspections, Code Enforcement, witnessing wetland determinations and soil tests on property and planning. Our department works closely with realtors, brokers, appraisers and homeowners doing research on the history of their properties within the Town, as well as all the Boards and Commissions within the Town.

Zoning Activity Report for January 1998- December 1998

Permits Issued For:	No. Permits	Value
New Residences	108	16,904,865
Residential-Additions/Alterations	201	3,541,384
New Commercial/Industrial	3	642,500
Comm/Ind-Alterations/Additions	34	1,160,603
Foundations Only	4	10,000
Signs	27	66,065
Fence HD	5	0
Pools	8	84,750
Demolition	3	0
Driveways	7	0
Septic Permits	152	708,500
Electrical	42	64,486
Denied	0	0
Withdrawn	2	0
TOTAL	**596**	**23,183,153**

Type of Inspection:	No. of Inspections
Zoning / Building	1413
Electrical	641
Violations	37
Certificate of Occupancy	122
TOTAL	**2213**

And, as always, a reminder, that before you begin any remodeling, renovation, or new construction call our office for information on the proper permitting procedures to follow.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a Board comprised of five elected members and a number of alternates appointed by the Board of Adjustment. It is their function to review requests for relief from the strict regulations of the Ordinance of the Town of Amherst. All meetings are public hearings and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The following is a summary of the Cases from 1998:

Map & Lot	Case No.	Name of Applicant	Type	Zone	Decision
6-52	1107	Alain & Danielle Roy	V	RR	Granted
8-20	1108	Helen Reusch	V	RR	Granted
6-52	1109	Alain & Danielle Roy	V	RR	Granted
10-46	1110	Beverly & David Balfour	V	RR	Granted
2-87-3	1111	Pearl's Tire	V	C	Granted
6-69	1112	Town Barn-Salt Shed	V	RR	Granted
10-7 & 8	1113	Peabody Mill	V	NR	Granted
2-180-9	1114	Judy Lee Service	V	RR	Granted
7-44-1	1115	Pasture Realty Trust	EW	NR	Granted
21-20-27	1116	George Sluz	V	RR	Denied
19-11	1117	Clark & Wilkins School	V	HD	Granted
8-75	1118	Messiah Luthern Church	V	RR	Granted
6-77	1119	Robert & Lynn Maxfield	V	RR	Granted
2-36 & 36-1	1120	Dome on the Range	V	C	Denied
9-9	1121	Freestyle Farm	V	NR	Granted
5-6	1122	Seth & Roberta Potter	AA	RR	Withdrawn
2-127-11	1123	Tom Sullivan	V	RR	Withdrawn
20-37	1124	Souhegan Cong. Church	V	GO	Granted
20-37	1125	Souhegan Cong. Church	V	GO	Granted
20-37	1126	Souhegan Cong. Church	V	GO	Granted
20-37	1127	Souhegan Cong. Church	V	GO	Denied
20-37	1128	Souhegan Cong. Church	V	GO	Granted
8-50	1129	Yvonne Daudier	V	NT	Denied
24-59	1130	Richard Hatfield	V	RR	Granted
2-166, 166-1	1131	Amherst Gardens LLC	V	RR	Denied
17-96-1	1132	William & Tracey Veillette	V	RR	Granted
6-66-1	1133	Cameron Real Estate	SE	RR	Granted
8-6	1134	Arnold Revocable Trust	SE	NR	Granted
4-25	1135	Kevin & Melanie Grassett	AA	RR	Granted
14-25	1136	Keith Carmen	V	RR	Granted
3-35-1	1137	William L. Smith	V	RR	Denied
4-7-29	1138	Scott Lambert	V	RR	Denied
4-7-29	1139	Scott Lambert	V	RR	Denied

Map & Lot	Case No.	Name of Applicant	Type	Zone	Decision
4-7-29	1140	Scott Lambert	V	RR	Denied
8-15-3	1141	Desmarais Const./HLB	V	NR	Denied
8-15-3	1142	Desmarais Const./HLB	EW	NR	Denied

V - Variance
SE - Special Exception
EW - Equitable Waiver
AA - Appeal From An Administrative Decision

PLANNING BOARD

This year's Planning Board Report is somewhat foreshortened due to the Amherst Town Meeting format change.

This year will also represent the first year that this Board has been elected at the Town Meeting by secret ballot. I believe that the jury is still out on this process. The Planning Board also for the first time is required to choose its own alternates and that is still ongoing.

The Planning Board approved one unique subdivision this year: Bartlett Common. This site was approved under the revised Planned Residential Development Ordinance and is specifically targeted for the "Empty Nest" older couples who are looking for a home with little physical obligations. This concept will be similar to "Atherton Common" and the Planning Board hopes this will prove an asset to the Town.

There have been several informal discussions with Wal-Mart to expand the existing facility into a Super Center and the Board will be presented with formal plans later this fall.

The Town has seen a rise in requests for affordable housing approvals, and for the first time since 1990, the allowable maximum (1%) of existing dwelling units will probably be met.

There appears to be much more interest in retail uses along 101A and the Board has approved a number of new buildings being constructed now or in the immediate future. The Planning Board feels that the 101A area will receive increasing retail growth as the available locations to the east in Nashua are exhausted. We hope that this retail growth will also be supplemented by increased growth within the Industrial Zone.

We believe the Town of Amherst should encourage a sanitary sewer system in the Industrial area to safeguard the underlying aquifer from industrial pollutants.

Residential building has continued this year at a strong pace and will probably stay much the same through the end of this century.

Statistics are:

The Board approved 12 new subdivisions containing 37 new lots. Last year there were 10 subdivisions containing 19 lots. The Board approved three projects with a total of 53 multi-family units. However, twenty one existing lots were consolidated to accomplish this. The Board approved 18 new site plans for Commercial or Industrial buildings. Last year there were 12 site plans.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission consists of seven members and four alternates, all of whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission meets the third Thursday of every month and is charged by ordinance with the responsibility of reviewing all applications for building permits as well as for exterior renovations within the District. Applications to be reviewed by the Commission are due in the zoning office at the close of business on the second Thursday of each month. This allows the agenda to be posed on the Town's Web Page.

In early 1991, Historic District Commission "Guidelines" were completed, reviewed by Town Counsel and placed in the Town Library along with the reference material the Commission used in drawing up the guidelines. This reference material includes the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation - Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" as well as "Preserving Community Character" which is published by the New Hampshire Association of Historic District Commissions. Both manuals are excellent sources of information and are especially important if one contemplates making changes to an historic house. Copies of the Commission's Guidelines are also on file in the Town Hall Zoning Office.

In 1998, the Commission amended its guidelines to specifically include Telecommunication Tower construction. We also met with Linda Wilson from the State Division of Historical Resources. Ms. Wilson discussed a wide variety of issues concerning how to maintain the character of the District as well as the importance of having Regulations governing the Board. Concerns over Library expansion prompted a joint meeting with the Librarians and neighbors to allow for better understanding of the concerns of each group. We are currently working with the architect and the Restoration Committee of the Congregational Church of Amherst on proposed exterior renovations. Other matters before the Commission this year dealt with renovations, fencing, new construction, and the additions to the Clark and Wilkins Schools.

The Commission continues to work to balance the needs of the community with the need to maintain the historic aspects of the District.

RECREATION COMMISSION

In 1998, the Amherst Recreation Commission provided a diversified program of recreational activities for people of all ages. Participation rates increased again in our youth sports program by nine percent from the previous year and program registrations continue to climb. This growth coupled with the fact that the Amherst citizens and families are especially active, have put a heavy strain on our Recreation Department, facilities, and infrastructure (i.e., playing fields, gymnasiums, track, etc.) In most cases, the demand for these facilities and services far exceeds supply. In our attempt to meet the needs of the community, a few residents were placed on a waiting list and we are truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

The Amherst Recreation Commission has developed a recreation plan for the community of Amherst in an attempt to ensure that the immediate, medium, and long-term recreation needs are met so that a well balanced program can continue to be provided and maintained. Building on our strengths, we envision a program that provides greater recreation opportunities, not only for our youths, but also the youth-at-heart. The recreation plan is available at the Amherst Town Library and at the recreation office in Town Hall.

The Amherst Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the community who have offered their service and assistance in 1998. The 500 plus volunteer coaches, assistants, referees, field laborers, and other helping hands that donated so much of their time and effort. We appreciate you. The Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads and Town Staff for their continued support and guidance with our recreation program. Thank you to the Amherst and Mont Vernon School Administrators and Staff for all that you do with providing us with facilities, scheduling, and other efforts to help us along. To the area businesses that have donated through the Sponsorship Program, your support is wonderful. Most of all, thanks to our participants. We strive to serve you the best programs possible.

It is our hope that more community members will offer their time and assistance and help us as we move ahead. Please attend a Recreation Commission meeting held at the Amherst Town Hall on the first Tuesday of every other month starting with January at 7:00 p.m. Your ideas and suggestions are very important to us. With your involvement and participation, the Recreation Commission will be able to enhance the services that we offer and continue to serve you the most efficient and effective recreation program possible.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Unlike most years, 1998 has not seen a big bank acquisition of new conservation property. Rather, a number of steps leading to a long journey to enhance the conservation values in Amherst are underway.

We are solidly into refreshing the forests on conservation land for wildlife habitat, better growth and increased passive recreational use. Our forest management plan is on schedule and bringing the expected rewards. Our consulting forester and logger finished the selective cuts on the Caesar's Brook parcel and have spent the bulk of the year in a highly selective harvest in the Hazeltine lot on Austin Road. You are invited to "cruise the timber" there and see for yourself how new brushy areas provide more cover and food for all manner of local wildlife and how the logging roads open up new interesting forest features. You'll also become gradually aware that, although many truckloads of timber have been removed, there is an actively thriving forest here that will continue to improve over the years.

The Recreation and Conservation Commission jointly manage the Peabody Mill environmental center at Joe English Reservation. Members of the ACC to satisfy building and other regulatory codes did a considerable amount of rehabilitation work this year. Judging from the outstanding participation by town youth at the Hartshorn naturalist camp this summer, the building and grounds are going to serve environmental education and awareness causes well into the future.

ACC members served on the Master Plan revision and community profiles committees, providing guidance and documentation to help retain the semi-rural nature of the town, especially with open space conservation details and with recommending buffers between structures and wetlands. This work is ongoing and a real example of how volunteers can make a difference on a large scale.

Residents who use the Souhegan River for canoeing will notice the Canoe Port at the golf course on Route 122 has moved from one side of the bridge to the other. The golf course owners have graciously allowed us to construct a new gravel road access to a larger launching and parking area. This is an example of public/private cooperation providing better recreational opportunities. Please use the launch port judiciously by respecting nearby golfers' need for concentration.

Although likened to pushing a noodle uphill, there are quiet steps being taken to create one or more greenway corridors in town. Trails are being maintained by volunteer Trail Stewards, adjacent conservation commissions are planning actions together, owners are being approached in the spirit of long term easements or acquisition --- all the small steps that eventually make a journey.

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

The Souhegan Regional Landfill District (SRLD) is comprised of the four towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Mont Vernon. Together we manager/monitor the closed landfill site located in Amherst at the Recycling and Transfer Station as well as arrange for the hauling and disposal of household trash and recyclables from our four towns.

The Amherst Recycling and Transfer Station is located off Route 101E, just east of the Meeting Place and west of the Basket Barn. It is open to all Amherst residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Hours vary from summer to winter, and are posted on the sign at the gate. Dump stickers are required for the dumping of all materials and may be obtained at the Town Hall.

Items accepted include trash, which is transported to an incinerator, newspaper (loose), corrugated cardboard (flattened), commingled containers (glass, plastic and metal) and magazines (loose). The recyclable components are taken to various recycling facilities. A new recycling flyer was printed in 1998 showing what materials may be recycled. This flyer is available at the Recycling/Transfer Station and at Town Hall. Although collected at the Amherst Station, the SRLD is not responsible for the disposition of tires, batteries, white goods, brush, oil, demolition materials, scrap metal, etc. The costs and revenue associated with these operations accrue to each town and are not part of the SRLD budget.

The leachate tanks which collected leachate from the lined portion of the landfill were closed off and filled in during 1998 due to concerns about the tanks' integrity. The solution for at least the time being, is to pump directly out of the landfill at more frequent intervals. The SRLD continues to monitor groundwater quality on and off site and is in the process of delineating a Ground Water Management Zone (GMZ) which is a requirement of our permit as issued by the State Department of Environmental Services.

The entire SRLD budget for 1999 is $845,765 up 9 1/2% from the previous year, ($772,330 in 1998) of which $349,448 will be charged to the Town of Amherst and collected as part of the tax bill. The reminder will be accessed to and paid by the other member towns of the SRLD - Hollis, Brookline and Mont Vernon. The assessments for Capital Spending are prorated based on the total real estate valuation for each town, while those for Operations Spending are prorated based on the populations of each town. This year's assessment is slightly lower than the amount billed to the town in 1997 ($349,683) as the District was able to apply $75,000 of retained surplus towards the capital account.

As our Town continues to grow, we have an increasing amount of trash that must be disposed of. As the tonnage increases, so does the budget required to properly dispose of our trash. Recycling is one way we keep our budget increases to a minimum. Thank you for recycling!

JULY 4TH REPORT - 1998

For the past five years I have had the honor of chairing Amherst's 4th of July Committee. It has really been a joy. Over the years I have loved sharing in the enthusiasm of so many townspeople as they respond to our annual invitation to become involved in our town's parade. From that point on, both individuals and town groups plan ever so carefully until they finally arrive early on the morning of the 4th bringing with them all the ingredients necessary for a successful community day.

Over the last five years, there has also been another group who have worked diligently for our common goals. They are the group who meet during the cold winter months of January and February and plan carefully for what seems like a far-off elusive, summer day. Today I would like to officially recognize those dedicated July 4th Committee members whose enthusiastic participation assures that all the early planning can come to fruition on what we always hope for - a warm and sunny 4th of July....

James Emmond, David Schmida, Thomas Richards, Thomas Griffith, Charles Sherman, Paula Schmida, Jo Ray, Marcia Richards, Linda Butler, Alice & Bill Williamson, Judith & Mel Pfeifer, John Kingman, Mathew Johnson, Bruce & Julie Brinkema, William & Annie Smith, Peter & Mannie Houston, Sarah & James Ramsay, Robert & Diane Schaumann, Souhegan Valley Jaycees, Robert & Louise Marley, Jan Madigan, Joan Miller, Pixie Lown, Marcia Perry, Mickey Larivee, Robert Heaton, Nancy & Thomas Bamberger, Nicole Kelley, Irene Boyle, Sue Jones, Charles & Joanne Tiedemann, Jim Quinn, Scott & Kristy Lamont, James & Kelley Quinn and Thomas Olson.

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission provides transportation planning services and technical assistance to twelve Hillsborough County communities. The NRPC stands ready to assist its member communities with any planning and transportation issues of concern. We at the NRPC are grateful for the participation of Amherst's NRPC Commissioners: Martin Michaelis, Marilyn Peterman and Paul Wenger.

The following is a brief summary of our accomplishments in and around the Town of Amherst in FY 1998:

Transportation Planning

- Initiated a process with the Town to identify short and long term traffic and safety management recommendations for Route 101.
- Participated in the State's 101A signal coordination/upgrade plan.
- Conducted automatic traffic recorder counts at 101 locations during the year. The Nashua Area Traffic Count Summary was published and distributed to communities. The report provides a summary of counts by hour of the day for each location, and also provides comparative data and percent change in traffic from previous years' counts.

Land Use and Environmental Planning

- Assisted the Planning Board with the preparation of its Master Plan, which was subsequently adopted.
- Provided technical assistance to the Conservation Commission regarding wetlands regulations and land conservation.
- Worked with all of the communities in the region through a DES funded project to inventory and identify each community's priorities for natural, cultural and historic resource protection.

Andrew Singelakis
Executive Director

NASHUA REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission has provided staffing services to the Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District. This year, our main focus has continued to be providing for the management of the household hazardous waste collection program. The service runs monthly from April to November and has served 1,979 households or approximately 2.5% of all of the households in the District. All residents are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable program. We are currently working on having satellite collection sites around the region.

Participants of the collection need to be recognized for making the effort to utilize this service through occasional long lines. This is a public program supported by local communities and the State of New Hampshire that we hope all residents will continue to put to good use. We are working to expand the program for next year in response to feedback obtained from our survey process during events.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who attended one or more of the seven collections. Volunteers from Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham and Windham all contributed a Saturday morning to help run the events. Their superb assistance has ensured success of this valuable service.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998, we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 1998

Voting for Town offices was held on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at Wilkins School. 3225 votes were cast. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:30 p.m. because of the large number of voters that were continuing to arrive. There were long lines of voters waiting to cast their ballots. The Amherst School District adopted SB-2 in 1997. At approximately 8:00 p.m. we began the counting process. As we were now using a machine to count the ballots, only the write-in votes needed to be counted. The results were as follows:

Article 1.	**Election of Town Officers**	
Selectmen (2)	Robert Brown	470 Votes 3 Years
	Steven Desmarais	1453 Votes 3 Years
	Peter T. Hansen	965 Votes 3 Years
	William H. Overholt	1558 Votes 3 Years
	Carolyn C. Quinn	765 Votes 3 Years
Board of Adjustment (1)	Robert Brown	439 Votes 3 Years
	Kenneth M. Nicoll	592 Votes 3 Years
	Robert Rowe	1408 Votes 3 Years
Trustee of Trust Funds (1)	Peter Bergin	2417 Votes 3 Years
Library Trustee	Alden Center	1205 Votes 3 Years
for 3 Years (3)	Thomas M. Head	1868 Votes 3 Years
	Robin Julian	1755 Votes 3 Years
	Robert G. Lown	1759 Votes 3 Years
Library Trustee for 1 Yr.	Helen D. Rowe	2393 Votes 1 Year
Planning Board	Christy Day	2072 Votes 1 Year
for 1 Year (2)	Sally Wilkins	169 Votes 1 Year
	Mary Ann Sidebotham	107 Votes 1 Year
	Wayne Lynch	106 Votes 1 Year
	Charles Tiedemann	92 Votes 1 Year
	Roger Smith	66 Votes 1 Year
	George Bower	12 Votes 1 Year
Planning Board	Wayne Lynch	272 Votes 2 Years
for 2 Years (2)	Sally Wilkins	234 Votes 2 Years
	Charles Tiedemann	218 Votes 2 Years
	Mary Ann Sidebotham	203 Votes 2 Years
	George Bower	28 Votes 2 Years
	Roger Smith	78 Votes 2 Years
Planning Board	Andrew F. Pataky	1815 Votes 3 Years
for 3 Years (2)	Roger Smith	308 Votes 3 Years
	Charles Tiedemann	230 Votes 3 Years
	Sally Wilkins	225 Votes 3 Years
	Wayne Lynch	87 Votes 3 Years
	George Bower	22 Votes 3 Years

Article 1. **Election of Town Officers**

Moderator (1)	Robert C. Schaumann	2446 Votes 2 Years
Supervisor of Checklist (1)	Cynthia Kennedy	2343 Votes 6 Years

Article 2. (By Petition to Enact the Provisions of SB-2)
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town.

YES 2340 NO 740

Article 3.
Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Amherst, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, **$40,000**; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, **$60,000**; for a person 80 years of age or older **$80,000.** To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **$35,000** or, if married, a combined net income of less than **$50,000** and own net assets not in excess of **$100,000** excluding the value of the person's residence. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

YES 2455 NO 554

Article 4. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1997 vote for an elected Planning Board pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (b) (1), and return to an appointed Planning Board pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (a). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

YES 1278 NO 1572

Article 5.
To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Amherst:

Amendment No. 1. (By Petition)
To change Lot #112-000 on Map #002 of the Tax Maps of the Town of Amherst, presently owned by Roberge Investments, LLC, c/o Al Legro, Vestmoore Management, Inc., 168 South River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire and being situate on the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 101-A and 122 from a general office zone to a commercial zone.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petitioners of the Town? **(The Planning Board recommends a yes vote.)**

YES 1668 NO 1226

Amendment No. 2. (By Petition)
To change Article IV, Section 4-8, Limited Commercial Zone, to add item A-13 Kennels, as an allowable use in the Limited Commercial Zone.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petitioners of the Town (**The Planning Board recommends a no vote.)**

YES 891 NO 1990

Amendment No. 3.
To change Article IX, Section 9-1, Planned Residential Development to add:

PRD Regulations
"If bonuses, as explained below, are granted, the total number of bedrooms shall not exceed one and one-half the number of bedrooms calculated above. The number of bedrooms permitted in any PRD shall be determined by the Board to assure compliance with the purpose of PRD and shall not exceed the limit determined above."

Bonuses
The Board shall review the proposed PRD and consider the extent to which it meets or addresses the objectives set forth in this ordinance and may, in its judgment, grant density bonuses not to exceed those indicated below.

Item	Maximum % Increase in Density
Recreation Facilities	5%
Phasing	5 Years - 10% 10 Years - 20%
Conservation	5% for each 5% of net tract area places in conservation easement and/or set aside for trails to integrate with the Town trail system as determined by the Conservation Commission.
Low & Moderate Cost Housing	30% if between 20% and 40% of the total number of bedrooms which are located with dwelling units which are low to moderate cost housing.
Housing for Elderly Or "Empty Nester"	40% if the bedrooms in units of one or two bedrooms that are designated to be occupied by an individual or spouse who has reached the age of 45. Such age shall be a deed restriction for that unit.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1620 NO 1172

Amendment No. 4.
To see if the Town will vote to add to Section IX, Article 9-1 "Conservation and Recreational Land Use".

Applicability
This ordinance is applicable only to residentially zoned parcels with greater than ten acres of undeveloped land.

Purpose of the Alternative Conservation and Recreational Land Use Ordinance
The purpose of this ordinance is to implement a mechanism that allows land owners to create definite term conservation or recreational easements on tracts of land that are greater than ten acres and to derive economic benefit from preserving conservation or recreational resources.

General Regulation
Any owner of an eligible tract of land may apply to the Planning Board for approval of a plan to create a conservation or recreation easement. Easements may be granted for a minimum of ten years, during which time the owner(s) shall retain use of the land in accordance with the approved plan. Each shall be approved by the Planning Board and must be filed with the County Registry of Deeds.

Approval of the plan and granting of the easement shall enable the owner to establish certain recreation and/or conservation uses that do not appreciably alter the characteristics of the land. The owner may allow use of the land for the approved conservation or recreational purposes by individuals or the general public or the owner may restrict use to another entity or to the Town or other governmental entity. The owner of the land may also form a conservation or recreation association, which would govern the approved conservation or recreational uses of the land. In all cases, use of the land is restricted to the approved conservation or recreation purposes.

The land owner may charge reasonable fees for the use of the land by the public, an association or other entities.

Application Procedures
Applications shall be made in writing to the Zoning Administrator and shall contain all applicable information prior to submission to the Planning Board for consideration. At a minimum, the application shall contain:

1. Name of the land owner(s).
2. Map and Lot numbers of the parcel(s) to be covered by the easement.
3. A plan showing the parcel, abutters, existing development and planned improvements or alterations.
4. A detailed description of the conservation and/or recreational activities planned for the land.
5. A detailed description of the measures to be implemented to ensure that the planned uses do not appreciably alter the character of the land, including the identification of ecologically significant areas or wildlife.
6. The schedule and intensity of use of the land.
7. A description of any improvements or alterations to the land to support the conservation or recreational uses.
8. The intended users of the land (individuals, groups, associations, etc.).
9. Provisions for access to special populations if use is open to the general public.
10. A copy of the legal documents creating the easement and limiting the use of the land to the approved purpose for the period indicated.
11. A summary of public benefit to be gained by approval of the plan.

General Provisions

1. Each tract of land must contain a minimum of ten acres of undeveloped land.
2. Conservation and recreation easements must be created for a minimum of ten years and shall be renewable for an unlimited number of ten year minimum periods.
3. No activities, other than approved by the Planning Board, may employ the use of hazardous or toxic substances as defined in 40 CFR Part 260, 261.
4. No structures may be supplied with utilities, except as approved by the Planning Board.
5. If the conservation or recreational activities entail use by groups, adequate on-site parking and sanitary facilities shall be provided.
6. Conservation and recreational uses shall be limited to non-motorized activities, except as required for maintenance, health and safety or access by handicapped individuals.

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1191 NO 1764

Amendment No. 5.

To see if the Town will vote to replace Article V, Accessory Apartment Sections 5-4.4, 5-6.6, 5-7.7, 5-9.1, 5-10.7 with new definition to Sections 5-4.4, 5-6.6, 5-7.7, 5-9.1, 5-10.7.

Accessory Apartment
A second dwelling unit incorporated within a single family home which is structurally integrated with direct access between it and the main living unit. The total area of the accessory apartment shall not exceed 800 s.f. and shall consist of only one bedroom. Any changes to the total number of bedrooms per lot will require a new state approved septic plan to be placed of file with the Zoning Office prior to the issuance of a conversion/building permit.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1437 NO 989

Amendment No. 6.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Article IV, Section 4-16 Planned Office Development from the Zoning Ordinance and from the tax maps of the Town of Amherst.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1523 NO 927

Amendment No. 7.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Lots 13, 14 through 14-4 inclusive, 15, 16, 17 through 17-8 inclusive, 107 and 107-1 on Map 2 from the General Office Zone and add to Residential Zone on Map 2.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1674 NO 837

Amendment No. 8.
To see if the Town will vote to replace the sign definition from Article III, Section 3-4 with new sign definition:

Any material, structure or device, or part thereof, composed of lettered or pictorial matter which is located out-of-doors, or on the exterior of any building, or indoors as a window sign, displaying an advertisement, announcement, notice or name, and shall include any declaration, demonstration, display, representation, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person or business or cause when such is placed in view of the general public. Signs shall

include: Any sign defined in this section or otherwise regulated under this ordinance; flags, banners, pennants, streamers, balloons, spinners or similar devices; and any other fixed or portable device or vehicle placed on a parcel of land and used as a sign to convey information to the public.

Prohibited Signs
No banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners of similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices shall be permissible for display as signs, except as exempted above as New Hampshire or U.S. flags.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1644 NO 873

Amendment No. 9.
To see if the Town will vote to replace Article III, Section 3-7.A. with "current BOCA Building Code".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1792 NO 662

Amendment No. 10.
To see if the Town will vote to add new section D in Article IV, 4-3 Residential/Rural, 4-5 Northern Rural, 4-7 Commercial, 4-8 Limited Commercial, 4-17 Northern Transitional and new section E in 4-14 General Office - "Prohibited Uses - Aircraft landing fields".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1650 NO 794

Amendment No. 11.
To see if the Town will vote to add new allowed use under Article IV, Section 4-9 Industrial Zone, A.20 "Aircraft landing fields".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1071 NO 1457

Amendment No. 12.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Article VI, Section 6-3.B.3.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1214 NO 788

Amendment No. 13.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Article VI, Section 6-3.B, fourth line "and appointed as in B-2".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1235 NO 782

Amendment No. 14.
To see if the Town will vote to delete from Article VIII, Section 8-5, Definition, the words: "would spend without exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the total household annual gross income for shelter, including utilities".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1384 NO 794

Amendment No. 15.
To see if the Town will vote to change Article IX, Section 9-1, Planned Residential Development, Minimum Lot Area, from "...areas of slope equal to or greater than 15%" to "...areas of slope equal to or greater than 25%".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1301 NO 1072

Amendment No. 16.
To see if the Town will vote to add to Article VIII, Section 8-5, Identification of Suitable Project 7. If an existing dwelling is located on the site and sufficient evidence is presented to the Planning Board to show that the existing dwelling is

affordable within the meaning of this ordinance, than No. 6 shall not apply to that existing dwelling.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 16 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1543 NO 687

Amendment No. 17.
To see if the Town will vote to add Article III, Section 3-15, III.E. Horse Riding Lessons, 1. Riding Lessons shall be limited to no more than ten (10) lessons per day.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 17 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1323 NO 1301

Amendment No. 18.
To see if the Town will vote to add new Section 3-17 Equestrian Facilities and Events.

Intent of the Ordinance
The Town of Amherst recognizes that equestrian activities and facilities are an integral part of the history and rural character of the Town and, as such, can contribute to achieving the goals of the Master Plan. Through the preservation of open space and agricultural practices, the commercial elements of such ventures are of value to the entire community by providing recreational, competitive and other opportunities for public benefit.

The intent of this ordinance is to allow the development of private equestrian facilities and events in the residential zones of the Town of Amherst, while seeking to preserve the rural character of the Town. The provisions of this ordinance are further intended to limit the impact of these commercial ventures on public health, safety and welfare by the establishment of minimum standards and by requiring a review of the design, operating procedures and control of impacts. The ordinance seeks to promote the health, safety and welfare of rider and animal, as well as the public.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 Equestrian Facility: A private facility with limited and/or occasional availability to the public; primarily for the boarding, training, breeding, sale, riding and maintenance of horses, ponies and other equids, with or without instruction for the rider.

1.2 **Equestrian Events:** Any event of more than 30 participants per day involving horses and/or other animals which are on display or engaged in competition and organized and managed in accordance with the provision of a sanctioning state or national organization.

1.3 **Riding Lessons:** Any lesson or activity with limited availability to the public involving the riding, training or care of horses, whether saddled or otherwise, and including the training or instruction of riders or drivers.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 **Applicability.** The provisions of this ordinance apply to all lessons or events involving horses that are open or available to the general public, regardless of whether there is a fee charged. Activities covered under this ordinance are allowed in all zones of the Town of Amherst. These provisions do not apply to the private ownership of horses or other farm animals not available for public use.

The ordinance shall be construed to cover and define uses permitted to equidae as a whole and not to limit permitted uses and activities to a size animal or species or sub-species.

Allowable uses and activities involve the interaction between horses and humans and can be instructional, competitive, recreational, therapeutic, training, exercise, conditioning, or as otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

2.2 **Prohibited Uses.** Activities, operations or events for the purpose of livestock auctions, commercial horse sales, the sale of transport equipment and vehicles, the manufacture or sale of feed and animal hospitals are not allowable uses permitted under this ordinance.

Outdoor lighting for night-time use of arenas, tracks and like training or competition areas is prohibited.

2.3 **Equestrian Event Management.** Equestrian events consist of horse shows, trials or competitions open to the general public. All events shall be conducted under the rules or other provision of an applicable sanctioning state or national organization. Prior to conducting such events, the owner of the property shall apply for and obtain approval under the Non-Residential Site Plan review regulations of the Town. At a minimum the application shall include:

1. Name of the land owner(s).
2. Map and Lot numbers of the parcel(s) to be used for equestrian events.

3. A plan showing the parcel, abutters, existing development and planned improvements or alterations, parking areas and traffic access and circulation.
4. A detailed description of the proposed equestrian events including activities, hours of operation, number of participants, bathroom facilities, water supply, etc.
5. A detailed description of the measures to be implemented to ensure that the proposed activities are compatible with the neighborhood, including but not limited to traffic management, dust and noise control, disposal of manure.
6. The annual schedule of equestrian events.
7. Provisions for access to special populations if events are open to the general public.
8. A copy of the sanctioning organization's requirements for event management.
9. A traffic and parking plan shall designate areas for parking horse trailers and other oversize vehicles and for individual vehicles for those attending the equestrian events. All event parking shall be restricted to the designated areas and limited to the available spaces. No on-street parking shall be allowed. Traffic circulation shall ensure access for emergency vehicles at all times.

2.4 Riding Lessons. Riding lessons are all activities involving instruction, training or participation in horse-back riding provided to the general public using horses not wholly owned by the individual receiving the instruction or training. Riding lessons to more than ten individuals per day may be offered only by facilities approved under this ordinance. Prior to offering riding lessons to the public, the owner of the property shall apply for and obtain approval under the provision of the Non-Residential Site Plan review regulations of the Town. At a minimum the application shall include:

1. Name of the land owner(s).
2. Map and Lot numbers of the parcel(s) to be used for riding lessons.
3. A plan showing the parcel, abutters, existing development and planned improvements or alterations, parking areas and traffic access and circulation.
4. A detailed description of the proposed riding lesson operations including activities, hours of operation, maximum number of hourly and daily participants, bathroom facilities, waiting/classroom areas, water supply, etc.
5. A detailed description of the measures to be implemented to ensure that the activities are compatible with the neighborhood, including but not limited to traffic management, dust and noise control, disposal of manure.
6. The schedule of operation of the riding center.

7. Provisions for access to special populations if lessons are open to the general public.
8. A copy of an emergency response plan to manage accidents and injuries.
9. A traffic management plan must be prepared for any riding center offering lessons to more than three riders per hour.

3.0 OTHER PROVISIONS

3.1 Barns or other structures used to stable horses under this ordinance shall be limited to one animal per stall and one stall per 1.0 acres of pasture. Animals covered under this ordinance smaller than standard horses (58 inches) must be provided adequate pasture area.

3.2 Barns used to stable five or more horses may contain up to 800 sq. ft. of living space for a stable manager provided such space meets all applicable BOCA requirements and is issued an occupancy permit by the Town.

3.3 The restrictions on riding lessons contained in Section 2.4 of this ordinance shall not apply to the owners of horses stabled or boarded at a facility not otherwise subject to this ordinance.

3.4 Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the private sale or maintenance of horses or farm livestock or to prohibit, or otherwise restrict, agricultural operations.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 18 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1431 NO 1138

MARCH 14, 1998

The meeting was called to order on March 14, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Robert Schaumann. Pastor William Adams delivered the invocation and the salute to the flag was led by Girl Scouts. 238 voters attended.

Selectmen in attendance were introduced, William Overholt, Richard Sherwood and Marilyn Peterman. Selectmen Richard Verrochi and Robert Jackson were unable to attend due to personal reasons. The Department Heads were introduced by Town Administrator Dana Crowell. Those in attendance were: William R. Drescher, Town Counsel; Nancy Demers, Town Clerk; Administrator's Assistant, Sharon Frydlo; Police Chief Gary MacGuire; Fire Chief Richard E. Crocker; Edward Elcik, Assessor; Mary Ann List, Librarian; Karin Elmer, Zoning

Administrator; James Doane, Recreation Director; John Starkey, Director of Public Works; and Gail Stout, Tax Collector.

The Ways & Means Committee was introduced by Chairman Greg King. Members included: James Quinn, Ingrid Michaelis, John Learoyd, Jane Cosmo, Jack Kunkel, Charlotte Locke and Robert Heaton.

Selectman Richard Sherwood gave the Selectmen's Report discussing the acquisition of the Bacon property on Brook Road and Johnny Cake Farm on Route 101. The attempt to form a Charter Commission was defeated in the fall and at the polls March 10th, SB-2 was passed for the Town and Souhegan School District. The last Town Meeting as we know it was held on this date. According to SB-2, all issues in the future will be decided by ballot at the polls.

He reported that two major road projects were completed this year. Merrimack Road at Route 122 and Main Street at Boston Post Road. The Town Hall and Fire Station were reroofed.

Mr. Sherwood advised that Robert Jackson had served two terms as Selectman and would be recognized for this at a later date. He thanked all employees and volunteers for their service to the Town.

Greg King of the Ways & Means Committee recognized three members who had served for three years: Jim Quinn, Ingrid Michaelis and Robert Heaton.

Moderator Schaumann advised of the meeting rules as follows: (1) Yellow cards would be displayed by the voter during a vote. (2) No amendment to an amendment would be accepted. (3) Speakers would be allowed three minutes. (4) No one speaks a second time until others have spoken. (5) Two microphones were set up - one in favor of a particular article and one against. (6) At the mike, the speaker would announce his name and address. (7) Should anyone move the question, those at the microphone would be allowed to speak. A vote to restrict reconsideration, according to RSA 40:10 was also passed.

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500,000 for the purchase of such municipal land and/or buildings as the Selectmen deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town and to authorize the issuance of not more than $500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, provided, nevertheless, that the Selectmen shall not conclude any such purchase unless and until they have presented to either an annual or special town meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify the particular parcel chosen by the Selectmen for purchase, or take action relative thereto (2/3rds ballot vote required). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Overholt moved for passage. He advised that if a desirable piece of property became available, the Selectmen would have the authority to borrow $500,000 or a portion of that, but the plan was not to bond until after the approval of the purchase by the Town. The procedure would be that a tentative agreement could be reached by the seller, a special Town Meeting would be held to authorize purchase and then it would be bonded.

The following amendment was offered by Selectman Overholt: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500,000 for the purchase of such municipal land and/or buildings as the Selectmen deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town and to authorize the issuance of not more than $500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, provided, nevertheless, that the Selectmen shall not conclude any such purchase unless and until they have presented to either an annual or special town meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify, ***by a 2/3rds vote,*** the particular parcel chosen by the Selectmen for purchase, or take action relative thereto.

After further discussion the amendment passed.

Ways & Means favored the article by a vote of 11-0.

Motion was made and seconded to amend further by adding as follows: "Provided nevertheless that this appropriation shall expired if not implemented within the current fiscal year" or take action relative thereto. Clarification was made that the fiscal year commenced July 1, 1998.

At 11:39 p.m. Patty Grady called the question and this passed.

The polls were opened at 11:50 a.m. and, although they would remain open for one hour (until 12:50 p.m.) the meeting would reconvene in thirty minutes. The meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Results of the vote: 137 yes, 85 no - failed by 11 votes.

A motion was made and seconded to consider Articles 9 and 10 before Article 7.

Article 9.
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Amherst Police Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: 1998 - $16,378, 1999 - $16,850 (Est.) and 2000 (TBD). The 1998 costs are included in the appropriation requested under Article 7 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

The motion to adopt Article 9 was made by Selectman Peterman and seconded. Tom Muccino amended the article to delete "and 2000 (TBD)" and was seconded. According to Attorney Drescher, in the year 2000, the wage part of the contract would be renegotiated. By taking the third year language out would have no impact. After further discussion, the amendment failed.

Wages & Means urged adoption. The article passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 10.
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: 1998 - $1.00 (Est.), 1999 - $1.00 (Est.) and 2000 - $1.00 (Est.). The 1998 costs are to be included in the appropriation requested under Article 7 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

The motion was made by Selectman Peterman to adopt Article 10. She amended it as follows: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: 1998 - $1.00 (Est.) ***to $11,547,*** 1999 - $1.00 (Est.) ***to $11,896*** and 2000 - $1.00 (Est.) ***to $12,250.*** The 1998 costs are to be included in the appropriation requested under Article 7 or take action relative thereto.

She explained that it had been submitted as first written since the Selectmen had not completed negotiations when the Town Report book was printed. Ways & Means voted 10-1 in favor of the amendment. Passed as amended.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 7.
To see if the Town will raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same or take action relative thereto. Said sum is exclusive of all special warrant articles addressed separately. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

The motion was made by Christopher Marshall to adopt Article 7 and was seconded. Ways & Means Chairman Greg King proposed an amendment to the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to increase the budget $28,862 to provide for a half time reference librarian and convert the Fire Department Assistant's part time position to a 35 hour per week full time position. The amendment was seconded.

Ways & Means voted 11-0 to support the amended article. This would increase the bottom line figure of the budget. Steve Bair spoke on behalf of the Fire Department reporting that activity is up and more hours are needed. Don Holden spoke regarding the library position.

After additional debate, the amendment passed. Article 7 then passed as amended for a total of $5,317,804.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 8.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $27,358 to fund the deficit in the 1997-98 Souhegan Regional Landfill District budget appropriation or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectmen Overholt moved for adoption of Article 8 and was seconded. Ways & Means voted unanimously in favor. Passed with no discussion.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 11.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000 for survey, design review and recommendations for the physical needs of Town Hall to update all of the electrical, plumbing, mechanical systems, HVAC and make the building ADA compliant or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Sherwood moved for adoption of Article 11 and was seconded. The Ways & Means Committee were against. The original article had requested $8,000 at the budget hear, however, that was cut to $4,000. This figure is too low to have a proper job done, was the opinion of the speakers. Perhaps it could be submitted next year with a more realistic figure. Article was defeated.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 12.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $122,000 for the construction of a Salt Barn at the Department of Public Works Complex to be funded in the following manner:

Withdrawal From Capital Reserve	$106,000
Raised by Taxation	$ 16,000

or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Motion was made by Selectman Peterman to adopt Article 12 and was seconded. Ways & Means voted 11-0 in favor. This article passed with little discussion.
Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,000 for the purchase of two defibrillators for the Rescue Squad or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Mr. Sherwood moved to withdraw this article, seconded by Mrs. Peterman.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 14.
To see if the Town will vote to create, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, a restricted expendable trust fund to be known as the Amherst Town Library Property Fund for the purpose of acquisition of land and any buildings thereon for future expansion of library space and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000 to be placed in the Amherst Town Library Property Fund or take action relative thereto. The trust will operate under the following rules:

1. The Trust Fund will be invested by the Town of Amherst Trustees of the Trust Fund as prescribed by State Statute.
2. The Trust Fund will have a separate Board of Directors established as follows:
 a. Two members of the Trustees of the Library elected by the Library Trustees.
 b. One member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
 c. One member of the Representatives to the General Court elected by the Representatives among themselves.
 d. One member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds elected from among themselves.
3. It is the intent that this trust fund will be added to by warrants put before the voters each year. Interest on the fund to accumulate. Expenditure of the fund to be authorized by a three-fifth vote of the above described Board of Directors. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Sherwood moved for adoption and was seconded. Robert Lown, Library Trustee, moved to amend the article as follows: Change "c." to read ... "One member of the Historic District Commission elected from among themselves" and number 3 to read ... "It is the intent that this trust fund will be added to by warrants put before the voters each year. Interest on the fund to accumulate. Expenditure of the fund to be authorized by a majority vote of the described Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall not conclude any

such purchase or expend such sum unless and until the particular parcel or parcels chosen by the Board have been approved by the Town voters at an annual or special meeting or take action relative thereto.
He advised that approximately 9,500 residents visit the library each year. The need was there for possible expansion as the Town grew. Although the internet is widely used, traditional service is still needed according to Mary Ann List, Librarian. Residents continued to debate this article. The Ways & Means Committee requested time to discuss the article amongst themselves. The article was tabled until their return. Articles 19 and 24 were acted upon while they were out. When they returned, Greg King advised that 3 members were in favor and 7 were opposed. He reported that it would not be prudent to approve an unknown expenditure and that it would be best to bond over a period of time at the time of the request.

After further discussion, the amendment passed. The motion as amended also passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 19. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $14,867.40 to allow the conversion of the Fire Department's Department Assistant's position from a 28 hours per week part-time position to a 35 hours per week full-time position or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Christopher Marshall made a motion to bring Article 19 to the floor. Steve Bair moved to table it indefinitely since it was addressed in Article 6. Motion passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 24.
To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve to include maintenance and refurbishing Highway Department equipment or take action relative thereto (2/3rds vote required). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Peter Hansen moved to delete the words "maintenance and" because this should be in the highway budget. The motion was duly seconded. The Moderator asked for a show of hands and declared it passed with a 2/3rds majority vote. No one challenged it.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 18. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be transferred to and used by the Amherst Land Trust for the purpose of acquiring developable land, development rights or easements, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the scenic and rural character of the Town and to minimize

the tax impact of residential development. Such sum represents the amount of current use recovery fees collected by the Town during the current fiscal year, less the amount transferred to the Amherst Conservation Commission Land Fund or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Motion was made by George Bower and seconded to adopt Article 18. His presentation included statistical information and its purpose was to acquire developable land. Ways & Means did not support this article. Jan Woodbury of the Conservation Commission advised that they did support it. Many voters commented that a private entity should not be supported by Town funds. After further debate, the article passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 15.
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of installing a sprinkler system in the apparatus bay of the Central Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500 to be placed in this fund or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Peterman made a motion to adopt Article 15 and was seconded. Tom Grella proposed an amendment that the total of $15,000 be inserted instead of $7,500. Attorney Drescher advised that the article could not be changed because the article specified Capital Reserve Fund. The expenditure of $15,000 had not been warned. After a short discussion, the article passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 16. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to:

a. Conduct a wireless telecommunication workshop open to Town Boards, interested Amherst citizens, and potential industry providers in order to provide access to the best information available for decision making by the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board as well as the citizens of the Town.
b. Hire technical services as needed by the Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board in reviewing future applications from prospective providers.

Any monies so raised and appropriated that are not spent are to be applied to costs incurred in creating a wireless telecommunication facilities master plan or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Selectman Peterman made a motion to adopt Article 16 and was seconded. Selectman Overholt was in favor, but the majority of Selectmen believed that the

Town has a consultant and that contingency funds are available if needed to hire a consultant. Ways & Means member Jack Kunkel said that the Committee unanimously opposes the article, since it duplicates efforts already made. After further debate, the article was defeated.

Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 17. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to create, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, a restricted expendable trust fund to be known as the Amherst Steeple Fund for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Town steeple attached to the Congregational Church of Amherst and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Amherst Steeple Fund or take action relative thereto. The trust will operate under the following rules:

1. The Trust Fund will be invested by the Town of Amherst Trustees of the Trust Fund as prescribed by State Statute.
2. The Trust Fund will have a separate Board of Directors established as follows:
 a. Two members of the Congregational Church of Amherst appointed by the Congregational Church of Amherst.
 b. One member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
 c. One member of the Representatives to the General Court elected by the Representatives among themselves.
 d. One member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds elected from among themselves.
3. It is the intent that this trust fund will be added to by warrants put before the voters each year. Interest on the fund to accumulate. Expenditure of the fund to be authorized by a three-fifth vote of the above described Board of Directors.
(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)

Selectman Peterman moved for adoption of Article 17 and was seconded. Emil Skoglund moved to amend the article as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to crate, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, a restricted expendable trust fund, with the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend, to be known as the Amherst Steeple Fund for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Town steeple attached to the Congregational Church of Amherst and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Amherst Steeple Fund or take action relative thereto. The trust will operate under the following rules:

1. The Trust Fund will be invested by the Town of Amherst Trustees of the Trust Fund as prescribed by State Statute.
2. The Trust Fund will have a separate Board of Directors established as follows:

a. Two members of the Congregational Church of Amherst appointed by the Congregational Church of Amherst.
b. One member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
c. One member of the Representatives to the General Court elected by the Representatives among themselves.
d. One member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds elected from among themselves.

3. It is the intent that this trust fund will be added to by warrants put before the voters each year. Interest on the fund to accumulate. Expenditure of the fund to be authorized by a three-fifth vote of the above described Board of Directors.

Ways & Means did not support this article. Mr. Skoglund reported that the Town owns the steeple on top of the Congregational Church. Debate followed, but the article passed as amended.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 20. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to change the designation of Town Land known as Bragdon Farm, Amherst Tax Map 8, Lots 8-54, 8-54-1 and 8-56, and Bedford Tax Map 30, Lot 15 from category "Town Property" to category "Conservation Land" or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

The motion was made by Selectman Sherwood to adopt Article 20 and was seconded. The article needed to be amended, according to Dana Crowell to delete Lot 8-54 because it is private property. There was also a brief discussion as to whether Lot 8-56 (the sledding hill) should be turned over to Conservation because it was actually recreational in nature. Lot 8-56 was then added to the amendment. The amendment passed by one vote - 36 in favor, 35 opposed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration also passed.

Article 21. (By Petition)
To designate Mack Hill Road from Manchester Road to its northern terminus at the town line as a scenic road pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:157 or take action relative thereto.

The motion was made by George Bower and seconded to adopt Article 21. Manchester Road to Austin Road is covered by scenic setbacks. A scenic road setback does not prevent a property owner from doing anything on his side of the stone wall. It controls what the Town can do in the Town right-of-way. The Town and utilities must go through a hearing to make changes. After a short discussion this article passed.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 22.
To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey an easement to New England Telephone, D/B/A Bell Atlantic, to permit the placement of a telephone utility cabinet and related connects and appurtenances on land owned by the Town known as Map 8, Lot 77-10, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Sherwood moved for passage of this article and was seconded. Passed with little discussion.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 23.
To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve to include maintenance and refurbishing Highway Department equipment or take action relative thereto (2/3rds vote required). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

The motion was made by Dana Crowell and seconded to adopt Article 23. Selectman Sherwood moved to amend the motion to delete the words "maintenance and". It was seconded and passed with little discussion. The amended motion on the article passed overwhelmingly.

Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy A. Demers
Town Clerk

BUDGET AS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Town Officers Salaries	96,828.00
Town Office Expense	233,641.00
Town Buildings	124,470.00
Elections	15,550.00
Legal	60,000.00
Insurance	565,833.00
Maps & Survey	1,000.00
Assessing	100,531.00
Police Retirement	30,183.00
Social Security	120,884.00
Employee Retirement	40,589.00
Tree Care	725.00
Conservation	2,700.00
Contingency	30,000.00
Total	1,422,934.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	861,297.00
Fire	159,955.00
Police Special Duty	30,000.00
Animal Control	10,322.00
Emergency Management	3,170.00
Ambulance	65,350.00
Hydrant Rental	110,800.00
Lease Pay/Ladder Truck	100,000.00
Total	1,340,894.00
HEALTH & WELFARE	
Health Officer	1,500.00
Souhegan Nursing	9,000.00
St. Joseph's Elderly	1,560.00
Souhegan Valley Resources	1,000.00
Nashua Mental Health	3,243.00
Milford Counseling	3,000.00
Nashua Mediation	600.00
Nashua Rape & Assault	1,200.00
Neighborhood Health	1,500.00
Red Cross	500.00
Big Brother/Big Sister	1,197.00
Town Welfare	7,500.00
Total	31,800.00

HIGHWAY	
General Expense	154,922.00
Street Lights	25,875.00
Oiling	78,225.00
Summer Maintenance	114,155.00
Winter Maintenance	291,121.00
Road Improvements	95,800.00
Parks	18,294.00
Highway Subsidy	221,334.00
Landfill	120,209.00
Total	1,119,935.00
RECREATION & CULTURE	
Recreation	188,633.00
Baboosic	35,495.00
Memorial Day	700.00
July 4th	3,000.00
Total	227,828.00
PLANNING & ZONING	
Regional Planning	13,217.00
Planning	3,170.00
Board of Adjustment	1,700.00
Zoning	112,685.00
Total	130,772.00
LAND DEBT SERVICE	
Payment on Debt-Land	26,540.00
Payment on Debt-Bldg.	35,000.00
Interest on Debt-Land	3,732.00
Interest on Debt-Bldg.	16,734.00
Total	82,006.00
CAPITAL RESERVES	
Rescue Vehicle	20,000.00
Highway Equipment	27,125.00
Highway Vehicle	22,000.00
Total	69,125.00

LIBRARY	
Wages	276,034.00
Operating Expenses	94,331.00
Debt Service:	
Payment on Debt	45,000.00
Interest on Debt	28,901.00
Total	444,266.00
TRANSFERS OUT	
Communications Center	98,561.00
Souhegan Landfill	349,683.00
Total	448,244.00
Sub-Total	5,317,804.00
WARRANT ARTICLES	
Salt Barn	122,000.00
Library Trust Fund	40,000.00
Sprinkler System	7,500.00
Steeple Trust Fund (By Petition)	10,000.00
Amherst Land Trust (By Petition)	50,000.00
Sub-Total	229,500.00
Grand Total	**5,547,304.00**

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Dec. 23, 1997	Manchester	Natalie Marie Caraccio	Albert J. Caraccio	Michelle D. Caraccio
Jan. 1	Manchester	Garrett Johnson Morrissey	William J. Morrissey	Catherine D. Morrissey
Jan. 13	Nashua	Christian Evan Lee	Darrell G. Lee	Louise Lee
Jan. 14	Manchester	Isabelle Annemarie Slane	Bret S. Slane	Pamela J. Slane
Jan. 24	Nashua	Elke Anneliese Arnesen	Hans R. Arnesen	Janine L. Arnesen
Jan. 24	Nashua	Margaret Bryce Stockwell	Richard A. Stockwell	Mary R. Stockwell
Jan. 30	Nashua	Victoria Stafford Dyer	Michael J. Dyer	Darby C. Dyer
Feb. 10	Nashua	Cameron Eugene Labrosse	Paul R. Labrosse	Tonya B. Labrosse
Feb. 11	Nashua	Daniel Richard Roy, Jr.	Daniel R. Roy, Sr.	Nancy E. Roy
Feb. 12	Nashua	Mikayla Jean Hickey	Edmund J. Hickey	Karen L. Hickey
Feb. 13	Manchester	Ronald Spencer Rees, Jr.	Ronald S. Rees	Susan L. Rees
Feb. 23	Nashua	Madison Perkins Oliva	Leigh Oliva	Julie B. Oliva
Feb. 26	Manchester	Rachael Elizabeth Facey	Eric C. Facey	Amy R. Facey
Mar. 3	Nashua	Hallie Rae Parenteau	Brian K. Parenteau	Jane D. Parenteau
Mar. 3	Nashua	Kyra Jean Parenteau	Brian K. Parenteau	Jane D. Parenteau
Mar. 11	Manchester	Anne Elizabeth Christman	Peter E. Christman, Jr.	Diane C. Christman
Mar. 17	Nashua	Matthew Robert Ladd	E. Allan Ladd	Pamela J. Porter-Ladd
Mar. 17	Nashua	Douglas William Frenette	William R. Frenette	Susan M. Frenette
Mar. 18	Manchester	Anna Sarah Farrow	James R. Farrow	Deborah N. Farrow
Mar. 22	Manchester	James Michael Wilson	Robert D. Wilson	Maureen E. Wilson
Mar. 26	Manchester	Edward Finley Morgan	Christopher S. Morgan	Mary G. Morgan
Mar. 27	Peterborough	Zachary Paul Daniels	Paul H. Daniels	Jami J. Daniels
Mar. 30	Manchester	Eric Michael Anthony	Michael F. Anthony	Debra S. Anthony
Mar. 31	Peterborough	Sarah Marie Davis	Ian M. Davis	Sandrine Barouh
Apr. 1	Manchester	Colby Michael Knight	Steven M. Knight	Giselle M. Knight
Apr. 3	Nashua	William James Bryan	William S. Bryan	Cynthia L. Bryan
Apr. 3	Nashua	Abigail McKenzie Schulte	John B. Schulte	Mary A. McKenzie
Apr. 4	Manchester	Frank Nicholas Zumbo	Frank M. Zumbo	Kimberly A. Zumbo
Apr. 16	Nashua	John Patrick McNallen	Patrick W. McNallen	Anne M. McNallen
Apr. 22	Nashua	Alexandria Elaine Defranco	Mark A. Defranco	Sherry E. Defranco

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Apr. 28	Nashua	Joseph Oliver Grassett	Kevin J. Grassett	Melanie R. Grassett
May 1	Nashua	Nathaniel Herve Frost	Gerald R. Frost III	Lori Ann Frost
May 5	Nashua	Brendan Sean Cray	Gerald E. Cray	Catherine A. Cray
May 6	Nashua	Garret Thomas Kowalczyk	James Kowalczyk	Sara Ann Kowalczyk
May 19	Manchester	Matthew Norman Bissonnette	Mark K. Bissonnette	Melanie I. Bissonnette
May 19	Manchester	Margaret Clemence Kelly	Kevin B. Kelly	Nicole A. Kelly
May 26	Nashua	Daniel Benjamin Oates	John H. Oates	Karen L. Oates
May 27	Nashua	Ashley Maryann Wilson	Joseph T. Wilson, Jr.	Ivaneide S. Wilson
May 28	Manchester	Cameron David Bolling	David M. Bolling	Suzanne L. Bolling
Jun. 8	Nashua	Alexander Nicholas Williams	James L. Williams	Cynthia M. Williams
Jun. 20	Nashua	Mary Monica Rego	Michael T. Rego	Anna M. Rego
Jun. 24	Nashua	Caroline Rose Boudreau	Robert M. Boudreau	Dana A. Boudreau
Jun. 28	Nashua	Eric Austin Hartshorn	Thomas L. Hartshorn, Jr.	Christine M. Hartshorn
Jul. 17	Manchester	Samuel Graypath Kingsberry	Donald G. Kinsberry	Pamela M. Kingsberry
Jul. 21	Manchester	Gracelyn Marguerite Hannabach	William D. Hannabach	Kathleen Hannabach
Jul. 23	Manchester	Melissa June Schwope	John P. Schwope	Joanne M. Schwope
Aug. 5	Peterborough	Lily Althea Smith	Joshua P. Smith	Carrie A. Everard-Smith
Aug.19	Manchester	Caroline Elaine Steadman	Michael P. Steadman	Linda B. Steadman
Aug.24	Manchester	Mitchell James Greany	Michael J. Greany	Cheryl A. Greany
Sep. 6	Peterborough	Sophia Knight	Bradford A. Knight	Karin M. Knight
Sep.18	Manchester	Jacob Tyler Dunlap	Keith W. Dunlap	Janet R. Dunlap
Oct. 2	Manchester	Nichola Chase Macedo	Michael A. Macedo	Yvette G. Macedo
Oct. 5	Derry	Harrison Thomas Frank	Allan E. Frank	Boel E. M. Frank
Oct. 5	Manchester	Zachary Allen Ellis	Mark W. Ellis	Stephanie N. Ellis

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Dec. 31, 1997	Nashua	Mary L. Teczar Matthew O. Stacy	Marguerite L. Ross Justice of the Peace
Jan. 1	Manchester	Marsah M. Dekker Joseph P. Campaniello	Louise A. Kathan Justice of the Peace
Jan. 10	Amherst	Jadeane M. Penders Robert L. Gauvin	Laurie E. Kinghorn Justice of the Peace
Jan. 16	Amherst	Susan M. Bendickson Keth S. Gavin	Heather L. Duval Justice of the Peace
Feb. 7	Nashua	Sun Young Rim Jose R. Paniagua	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Bedford	Corrine E. Dibble Dennis R. Cormiea	John F. Durkin, Jr. Justice of the Peace
Mar. 21	Nashua	Susan E. Zimmer Deryl B. Morley	James M. Addonizio Justice of the Peace
Apr. 4	Bedford	Maureen A. Prince Douglas P. Corrigan	William E. Beane Justice of the Peace
Apr. 17	Amherst	Ulla B. Johnson Charles H.R. Mabie	Nancy A. Demers Justice of the Peace
Apr. 18	Wilton	Melinda J. Edmonds Mark H. Whitehill	Jane E. Hawken Clergyman
Apr. 25	Nashua	Kimberly A. Voyer James A. McNally	Robert W. Odierna Clergyman
May 16	Nashua	Eileen L. Grubb Joseph V. Visconti, Jr.	Marcel Martel Clergyman
May 16	Amherst	Sharon J. McKenney Daniel J. Barton	Daniel K. Morin Justice of the Peace
May 16	Amherst	Susanna L. Pedersen Gregory J. Lennox	A. Kenneth Olsen Clergyman
May 16	Amherst	Kimberly A. Graham Andrew M. Becker	Joel V. Petermann Clergyman
May 22	Nashua	Dawne M. Philbrook Marc D. Bourbeau	Francis Spencer Clergyman
May 23	Auburn	Janice D. Grimes Kenneth N. Davis	Bernardine P. Donelson Justice of the Peace

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
May 23	Goffstown	Kimberly C. Anderson Alan A. Dion	Peter W. Lovejoy Clergyman
Jun. 5	Amherst	Rosemarie K. Garreffi Lawrence A. Carlsmith	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Jun. 13	Amherst	Sarah H. Jackson Robert R. Wilson	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Jun. 13	Bedford	Tara L. Zabloudil Daniel R. Erickson	Lance Lee Clergyman
Jun. 20	Exeter	Elise M. DeMasse Michael P. Green	Maurice J. Rochefort Clergyman
Jun. 27	Wilton	Courtney E. Holland Dennis J. Devine	Andrew D. Johnstone Justice of the Peace
Jun. 25	Amherst	Deanne R. LeBlanc Ralph T. Batty, Jr.	Nancy A. Demers Justice of the Peace
Jun. 28	Hollis	Ann M. Fazio Charles E. Sherman	Maureen P. Delvecchio Justice of the Peace
Jul. 5	Manchester	Marla L. Jeffrey Adrian latinak	Marc Montminy Clergyman
Jul. 9	Amherst	Diane K. Prentice James R. Miner	Natalie R. Manor Justice of the Peace
Jul. 25	Milford	Lesley J. Baker James D. Christians	Hans R. Arnesen Clergyman
Aug. 1	Amherst	Sharon E. Sharkey Andrew R. Kierstead	John P. Spangler, Jr. Clergyman
Aug. 10	Amherst	Cheryl G. Burkart Preston F. Rogers	Danny R. Chernewski Justice of the Peace
Aug. 15	Milford	Margaret A. Gibbs Chad E. Morgan	Paul D. Montminy Clergyman
Aug. 15	Amherst	Jennifer M. Flowers David R. Valentine	William J. Adams Clergyman
Aug. 22	Amherst	Angela P. Calvetti Kenneth N. Hornor	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Aug. 22	Milford	Ellen S. Hauser Richard S. Fallon	Gerald P. Pincince Clergyman
Sep. 5	Bedford	Annamae Binney Thomas P. Bartera	Diane M. Stevenson Clergyman

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Sep. 5	Amherst	Julie A. Fietze Brett R. Leland	Richard H. Schleicher Clergyman
Sep. 11	Milford	Erin C. Pyle Miodrag Deric	Andrew Cryans Clergyman
Sep. 13	Milford	Cynthia A. Carr James D. Hendrix	Debra M. Giles Justice of the Peace
Sep. 17	Amherst	Betty Jo Jaworski Roger L. Labonte	Katherine A. Sheehan Justice of the Peace
Sep. 19	Dunbarton	Darlene CRC Fleming Keith J. Barker	Nancy A. Demers Justice of the Peace
Sep. 26	Concord	Elizabeth M. Tochko Dean L. Hardwick	Sally R. Sullivan Justice of the Peace
Sep. 26	Bedford	Paula A. Baptist Peter A. Maclellan	Iain Maclellan Clergyman
Oct. 2	Windham	Tara A. Hatem Robert L. Brown	Michael D. Hatem Justice of the Peace
Oct. 3	Wilton	Jennifer A. Brummer Tim J. Pelletier	Donald E. Clinton Clergyman
Oct. 10	Nashua	Julie M. Civiello Kevin J. Coyne	W. Glen Gardner Clergyman
Oct. 11	Bedford	Leslie A. Gabrielski Steven J. Gendron	Nicholas Rogers Clergyman
Oct. 17	Claremont	Robyn M. Coulombe Scott R. Bennett	Michael J. Ciullo Clergyman
Oct. 17	Bedford	Veretta M. Schneider Daniel F. St. James	Sherri C. Manor Justice of the Peace
Oct. 31	Rindge	Christine Stratton Gary L. Silverman	Dawn Garrett-Larson Clergyman
Nov. 7	Nashua	Michelle R. Boulanger Alan D. Roberts	Emilie E. Picard Justice of the Peace
Dec. 18	Milford	Susan D. Sullivan Vincent C. Martina	Andrew W. Cryans Clergyman

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 9	Amherst	Winifred E. Miller	83	Dayton W. Webb	Elsie M. Hunt
Jan. 17	Nashua	Anne A. Ayers	74	James Courage	Alice Quimby
Jan. 31	Nashua	Judith C. Cormier	57	William Goy	Josephine Marchenonis
Feb. 2	Manchester	Ruth C. Hinchey	80	Walter Healey	Mary Agnes McCarthy
Feb. 5	Amherst	Hope R. Duarte	1	Shawn W. Duarte	Kim M. Brewster
Feb. 11	Manchester	Elizabeth G. Hall	85	Elmer Gale	Florence Clark
Apr. 4	Amherst	Frances V. Mullins	89	William Derby	Mary A. Scanlon
Apr. 16	Manchester	William L. Hendrix	90	John W. Hendrix	Grace O'Neal
Apr. 23	Bedford	Eric B. Junkunc	35	Allan B. Junkunc	Cynthia Hensley
May 1	Amherst	Violet Hendrickson	81	Robert Tricorico	Violetta Bradbury
May 23	Nashua	Norma Haley	81	Charles Pollard	Mary Black
Jun. 4	Nashua	Conrad A. Daudier	87	Thomas Daudier	Rose Bastarache
Jun. 16	Nashua	Abe Brandsma	76	Unknown	Unknown
Aug. 6	Amherst	Madeline C. Osgood	71	John Connell	Catherine Fenton
Sep. 6	Nashua	Herbert E. Schmitz	66	Edward A. Schmitz	Madeleine Sprague
Sep. 10	Amhest	Jane F. Boyle	69	Edmund Beagan	Maybelle O'Donnell
Sep. 14	Nashua	Elizabeth E. Burdett	82	John Begg	Unknown
Sep. 22	Manchester	Barbara B. Taylor	82	Richard W. Booth	Henrietta Marshall
Oct. 16	Amherst	Helen Carney	79	Charles Smith	Mary Skalka
Oct. 21	Nashua	Doris J. Way	68	Martin J. Baudreau	Corinne Mellanson
Nov. 4	Amherst	Rodney M. Fadden	70	Charles Fadden	Susie Aldrich
Nov. 4	Amherst	Robert P. Walters	51	Peter Walters	Mary Nutting
Nov. 8	Amherst	Clinton H. Tuttle	87	Clinton Tuttle	Helen Ryder
Dec. 2	Amherst	Shirley L. Warner	69	Theodore Clark	Ellen Steele

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name_____

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In order to make my contribution to the growth and welfare of the Town of Amherst, I am willing to volunteer to serve on the following Boards, Commission and Committees. My preference is indicated by 1, 2, 3, etc.

_____**Board of Adjustment**	_____**Recreation Commission**
_____**Planning Board**	_____**Road Commission**
_____**Historic District**	_____**N.R.P.C.**
_____**Conservation Commission**	_____**S.R.L.D.**
_____**Ways & Means Committee**	_____**Recycling Committee**

Attach a brief statement as to why you feel qualified to serve as indicated above.

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